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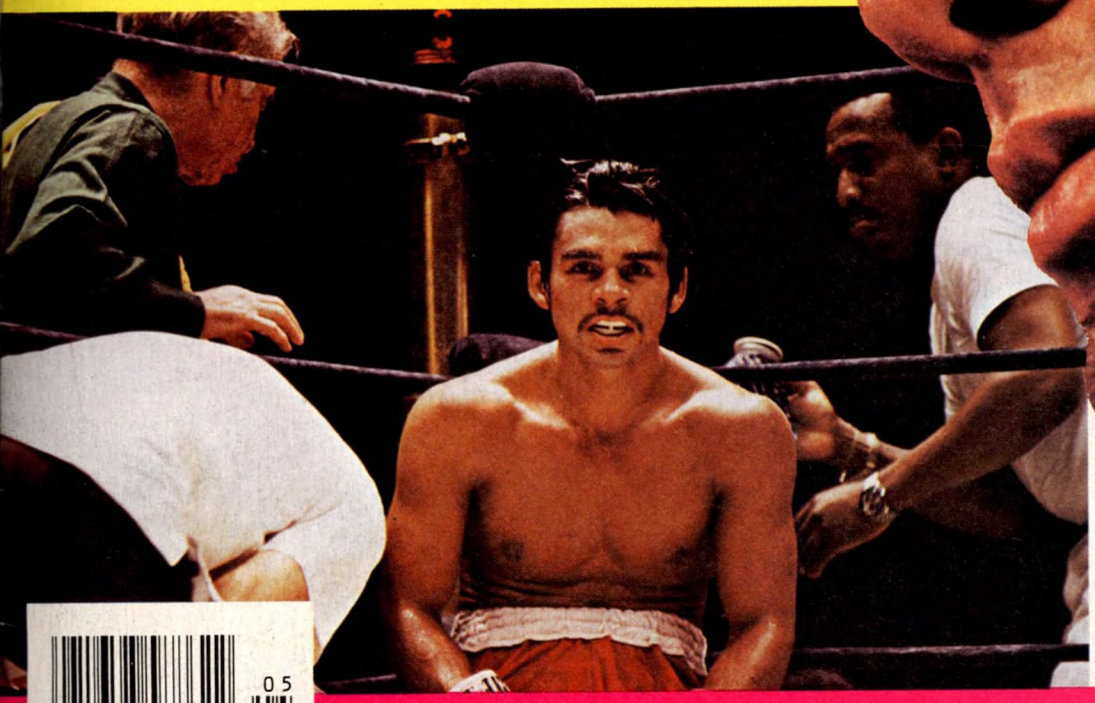

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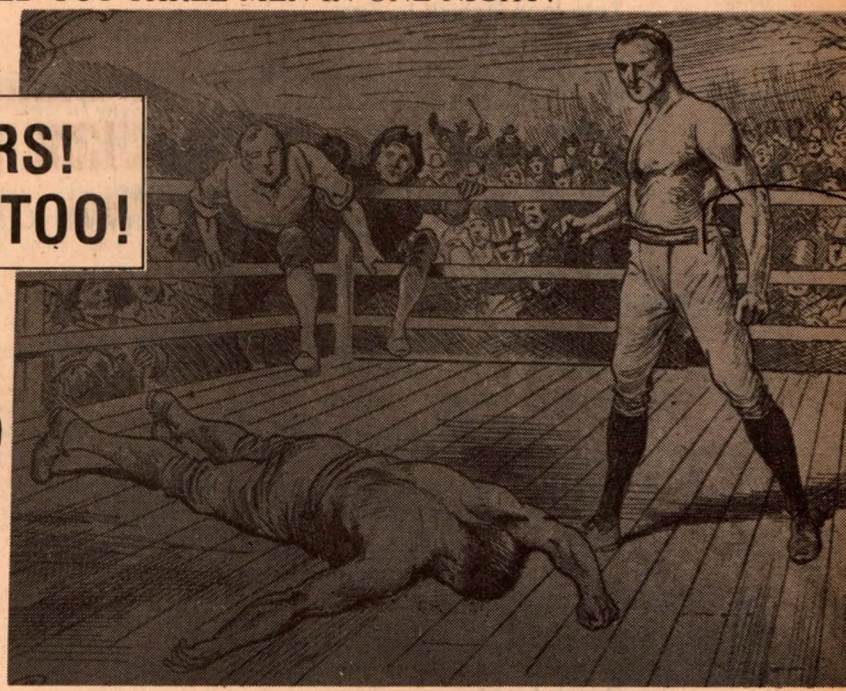

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

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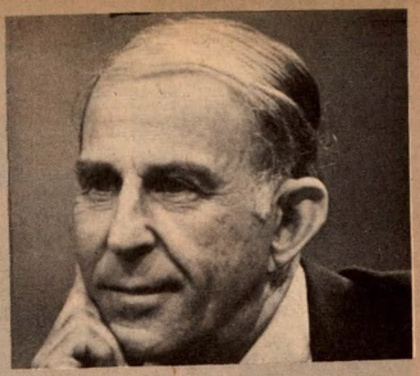


Some three decades ago or so, I began to cover the not so gentle sport known as boxing. I swore always to be objective and never to allow emotions to enter any of my judgements. Time slid by and so did some of my resolve . . . My love for boxing became a lump next to my heart and I refused to look at boxing as it was, but rather, as my wishful thinking would have it.

I remember an oath to myself that I would grow with the times, accept changes, and hope that some of them would be for the better.

And you know, it hasn't been all bad as the years have moved along. Training has gotten better, the use of intelligence instead of brute force has added to the elixir both inside and out fo the ring, and medical requirements in the nature of pre-fight exams and corner observation with doctors in attendance have all been advances in the right direction.

Some few things have been causing that lump near my heart to develop a burn: some few things that have changed in boxing that are not for the better.

Oh, the nefarious characters owning fighters and, in some cases, running aspects of boxing, have been given the big heave ho, the game is cleaner, and more efforts are being made to keep records as meticulously as possible, but the big dough being generated by television and the control that video is gaining over boxing gives me heartburn. We are beginning to slide in reverse, with the big business tactics making boxing less of a sport and ever closer to—big business. The ethics which were getting better are sliding into the stream. If it continues, boxing won't be a sport, it will be big business—for awhile; and then, when it no longer gets the ratings, it will be dumped by television for the local dog show, and boxing will have to build all over again, as it did in the fifties, when television wore out the sport and then dropped it with no regard to developing new talent or giving it a future. In short, "big business" used all the components, the fighters, everything but rarely put a buck back to insure a future, nor gave a damn about what happened to anything in boxing as long as the "rating" was to be had. When it was dead, so was boxing.

Will it happen again? You better believe it! I won't scream for a Federal Boxing Commission because that must be kind of like beating a fly with a whip . . . nothing happens.

What in hell can one do about drumming a little social consciousness into the moguls running television boxing? How do you get a network to remember that it is televising a sport, and that to stretch the rules or, for that matter, change them to meet the requirements (namely, the ability to—if possible—keep a fight going as long as possible . . . the more rounds, the more commercials, and so on), could cause a fighter to lose an eye, get killed for that matter. But, who in hell cares—if the networks can make an extra buck!

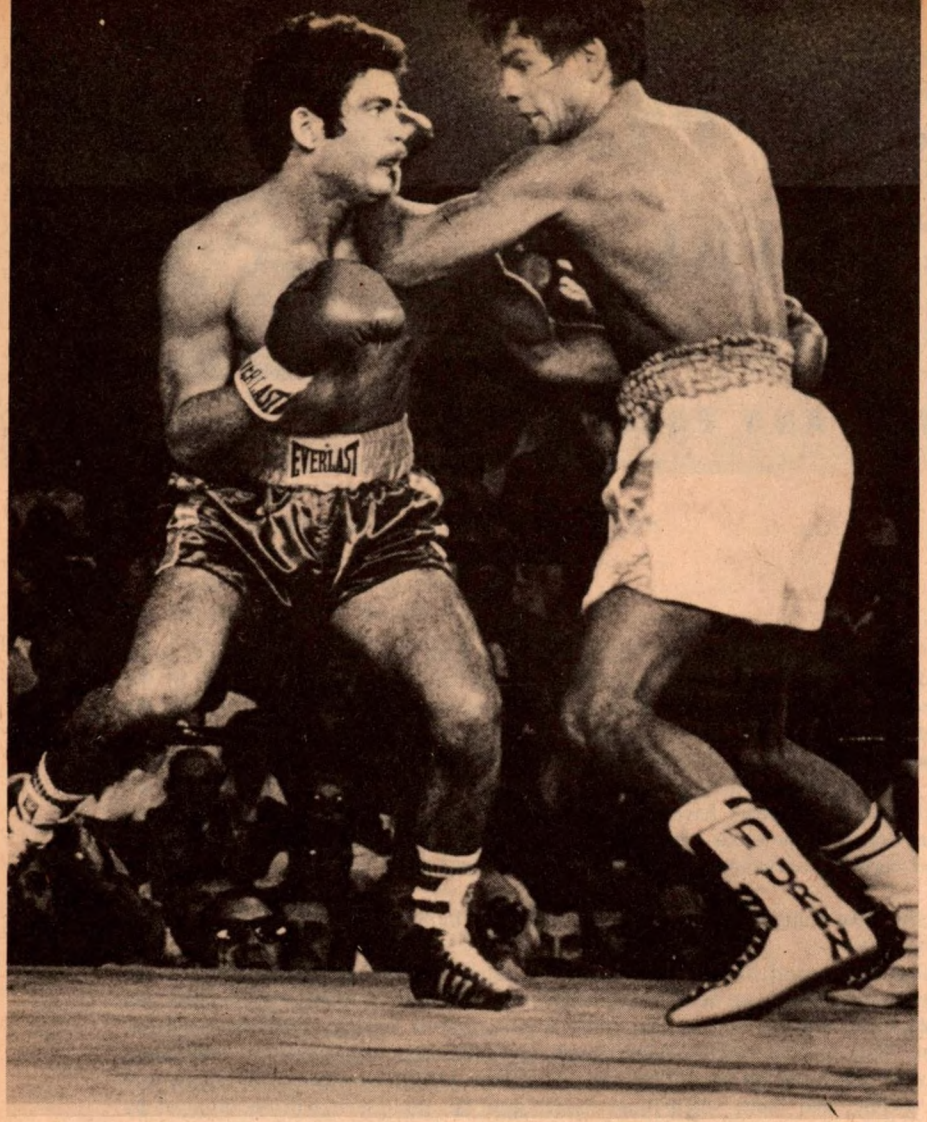
The various bodies who have no legal authority, but who have power because they are recognized by the networks, are most obliging to the money lenders who put on the shows.

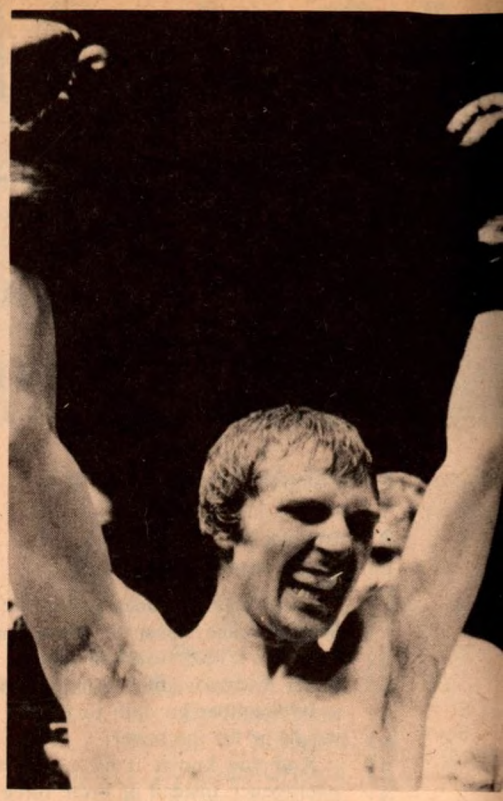
A new gimmick is that of giving a fighter who is in trouble a "standing eight count." That has been commonplace among the amateurs, and that is where it belongs, not among the pros.

A friend of mine a long time ago referred to something not "professional" as "bush." Well, the networks are not only acting "bush," but are attempting to pull boxing down and make it "bush."

Want more commercials? Then instruct the referee to give standing eight counts when a fighter is physically in trouble. I am not saying that the referee who does this is guilty of any wrong doing. He is using piddling poor judgement, but he knows that the TV boys want more time and that if he wants to be in on the easy dough train in the future, he'd damn well better give the "boys" as many commercials as he can.

In a recent title fight on television, only the referee and the stupid use of the standing eight count kept the fight going twice as long as it should have before the inevitable knockout. How to ruin boxing: simply keep enlarging the power of video on it without any reservations. Don't anyone do a thing—just let boxing go down the drain.





(Left) Roberto Duran rocks challenger Vilomar Fernandez with a left to the chin in the third round of their title fight on January 29, 1977. Duran kayoed Fernandez in the thirteenth. (Above) Scotsman Jim Watt gives a howl of triumph as he raises both fists after being declared the winner over Pedro Fernandez at the Sports Palace in Madrid.

By JOHN ORT

Panama's Roberto Duran, world lightweight champion from June 26, 1972 to Feb. 2, 1979 now has moved up to the welterweight division. Duran relinquished his lightweight title, stating he no longer could make the 135-pound limit.

What next for Roberto? Well, he would like to meet either welterweight champion, Mexico's Jose Cuevas, WBA champ, or world champion Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico.

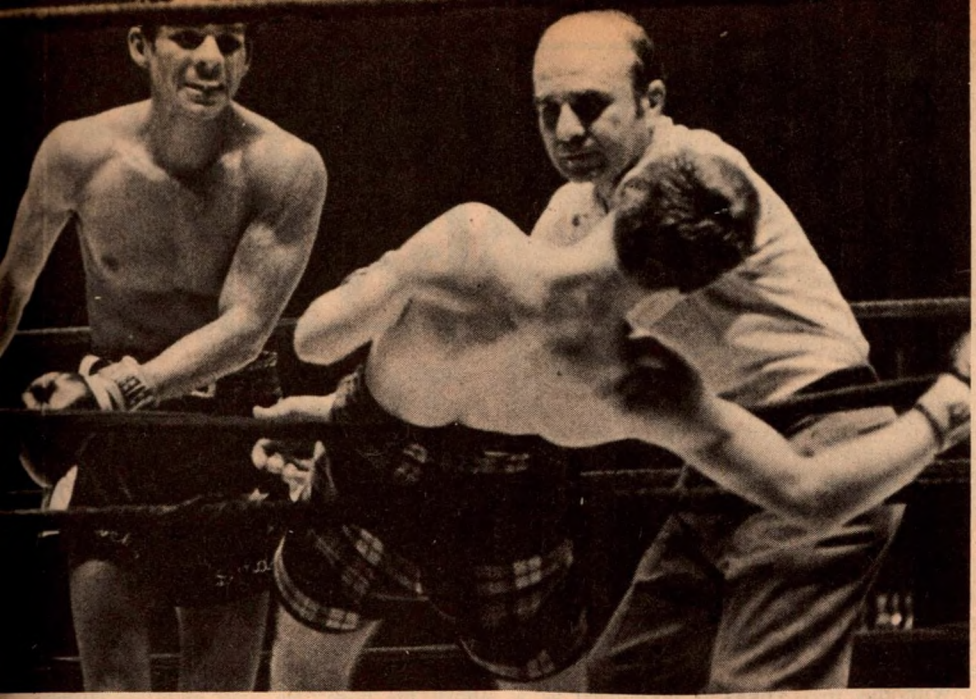
Roberto made his first move as a welterweight last December 8, when he kayoed Monroe Brooks in eight. Before that, he outpointed Adolph Viruet in ten. His last defense of the lightweight crown was against Esteban DeJesus, on January 21, 1978 in Las Vegas, when he kayoed Esteban in twelve to gain undisputed title recognition. He and middleweight champion Hugo Corro of Argentina were the only two champions recognized by both the WBA and WBC.

Duran defended his title twelve times, scoring eleven kayoes. His career mark is 63-1, with fifty knockouts. Roberto's only defeat was a ten-round non-title loss to Esteban DeJesus in New York on November 17, 1971. He won the title earlier that year when he knocked out Scotland's Ken Buchanan in thirteen.

Where does he start in the welters? Retiring undefeated as lightweight champion and moving up as a welter, *The Ring* feels that he should be rated in the world's top ten.

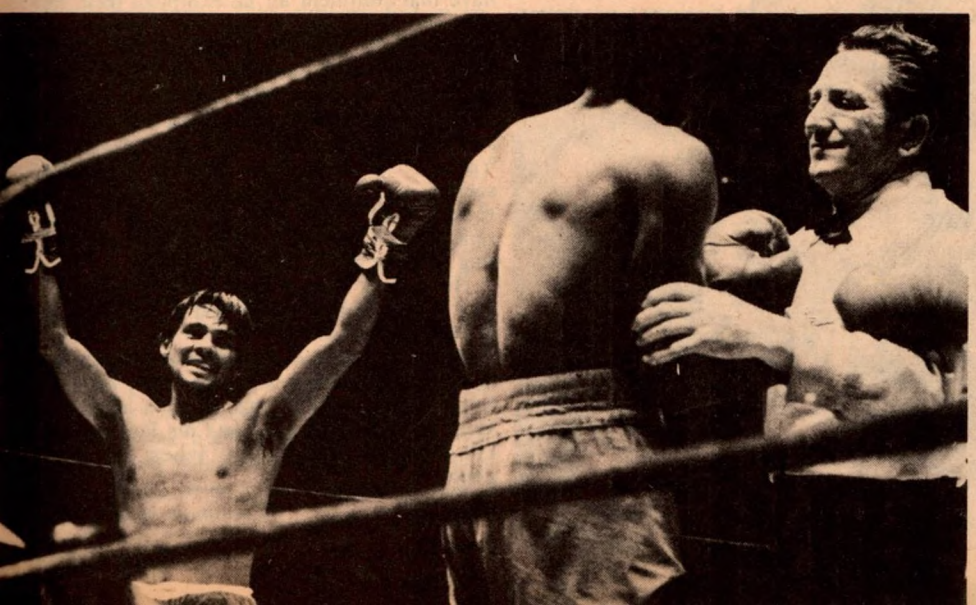
Who will be the next world lightweight

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT WORLD LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION?



Duran slugs Ken Buchanan in Madison Square Garden on June 26, 1972 as referee John LoBianco looks like he's ready to halt matters. Roberto won the world lightweight title when Ken was unable to come out for the thirteenth round.

(Right) Johnny Lira, right, and Larry Stanton exchange punches during their ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden on December 8. Lira won unanimous decision. (Below) Duran raises both hands in victory. Referee Arthur Mercante is about to tell Monroe Brooks that he failed to beat the count at 1:59 of the eighth round.



champion? Jim Watt, European lightweight champion, Johnny Lira, U.S. lightweight king, Colombia's Alfredo Pitalua, or Dominican Vilomar Fernandez?

At this moment, the WBC has decided to match Alfredo Pitalua against Jim Watt and the WBA has put Vilomar Fernandez against Johnny Lira. The WBC ranks Pitalua, Watt, Fernandez, and Celso Esmero, Philippines in the top four as of their January 1979 ratings.

The WBA's top four are: Pitalua, Fernandez, Lira, and Ernesto Espana of Venezuela. This is as of their December 1978 rankings.

The Ring's top four: Fernandez, Lira, Giancarlo Usai, Italy, and Pitalua. So, it stands to reason that *The Ring* will recognize the winner of our number one and two, which is Fernandez-Lira, for the vacant world lightweight championship.

Let's take a look at the world's top four lightweights. First, Dominican Vilomar Fernandez. Started boxing in 1971. Has engaged in forty bouts, with a record of 34-6-0, scoring twenty-four kayos, being stopped twice. His biggest wins: Antonio Amaya of Panama in 1975, a ten round nod, then, in the same year, a decision over Ray Lunny. Then his big break in Madison Sq. Garden: a ten round nod over Ray Lampkin. Vilomar lost his next time out, to Vicente Saldivar, but still was awarded a shot at Duran in Miami Beach seven months later. Roberto stopped him in the thirteenth round on January 29, 1977. Since then, he has engaged in five bouts, winning four and drawing once. The fight that put him into the number one spot in the world was a ten-round upset victory over WBC junior lightweight king Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua.

Next is Chicago's undefeated Johnny Lira. He boxed all but two of his bouts in Las Vegas. The two contests outside of Vegas, were his six round upset knockout over then number one ranked lightweight in the world Andrew Ganigan in Honolulu, Hawaii last August and his other a ten-round decision over Larry Stanton, who boxed a draw with Vilomar Fernandez, in New York. As we go to press, he will be boxing Termite Watkins in Madison Sq. Garden. Johnny began his pro career in 1976, and, to date, has a record of 15-0-1, scoring nine knockouts. His only draw was against Manny Lopez, in August of 1977 over ten rounds in Vegas. Some names of boxers he has beaten: Rogelio Castenda, Vicente Hernandez, and Miguel Estrada.

Southpaw Jim Watt of Scotland is not only the European champion, but the ex-British champion as well. He started his pro career in 1968. He has a record of 34-6-0, 24 kayoes, and has been halted twice.

Watt won the British lightweight title for the first time on Feb. 1, 1972 with a ten-round knockout over Willie Reilly. He defended it once, against Tony Riley, before losing it to countryman Ken Buchanan via fifteen-round decision on Jan. 29, 1973. He retained it from Johnny Cheshire on Jan. 27, 1975, scoring a seven-round knockout. Jim

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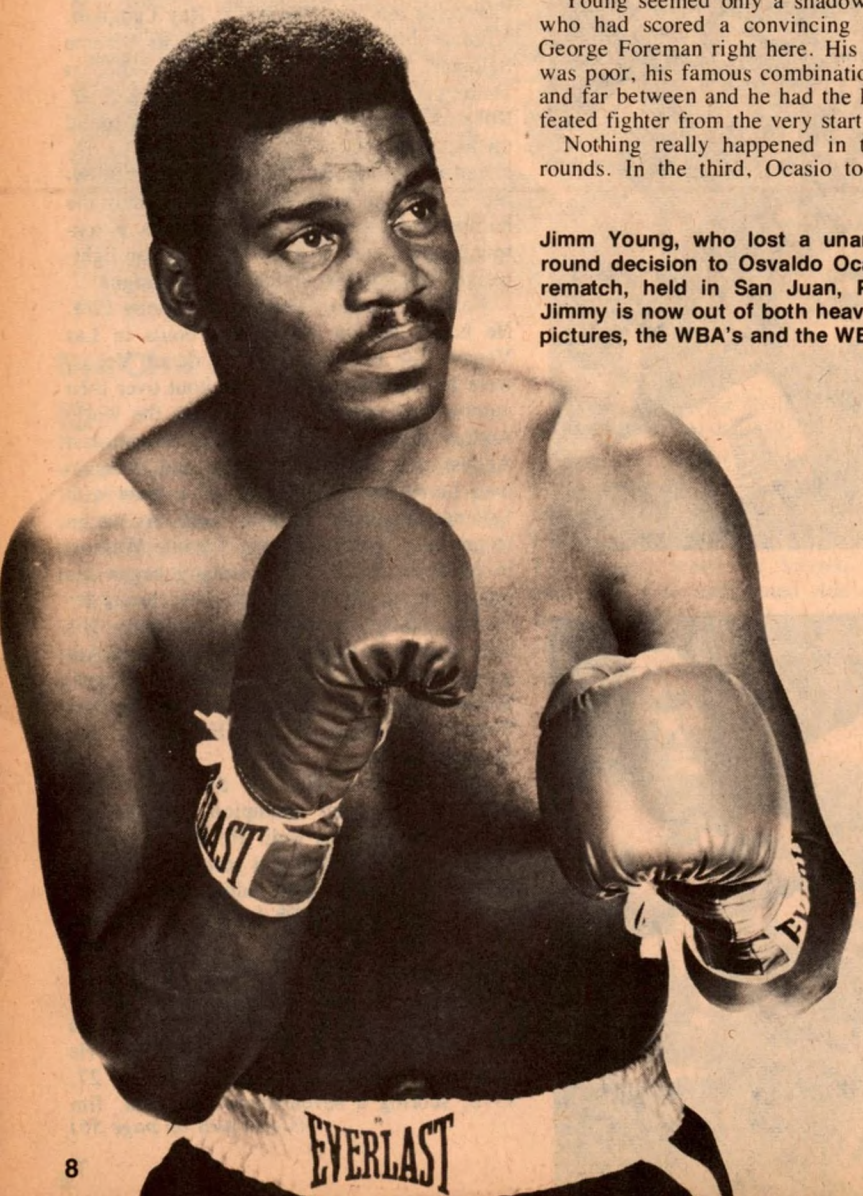
OSSIE OCASIO BEATS JIMMY YOUNG AGAIN

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Roberto Clement Stadium, San Juan, P.R. — When Jimmy Young scored his big upset victory over George Foreman here in San Juan about three years ago, he was highly acclaimed by the local fans who happily chanted "Jimmy Young-Jimmy Young" as he proceeded to confuse the former heavyweight champion of the world. He outboxed and outfoxed his slow footed rival and appeared destined for another match with Muhammad Ali, whom he had met the year before, and, in the eyes of millions of televiewers, had been the victim of a raw decision.



Jimm Young, who lost a unanimous ten-round decision to Osvaldo Ocasio in their rematch, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Jimmy is now out of both heavyweight title pictures, the WBA's and the WBC's.

But destiny would continue to play a cruel blow on Jimmy. He would follow this spectacular win with questionable losses to Ken Norton and later to Ossie Ocasio, a Puerto Rican who had only two so-so pro fights when Jimmy had lost to Muhamad Ali.

In the return encounter with Ocasio here in San Juan, Jimmy Young was no longer acclaimed, because Ossie Ocasio was the new local favorite. And the new fair haired boy scored a unanimous ten round upset decision over Young.

With this loss Young is eliminated as a contender and Ocasio puts himself first in line for a championship match against Larry Holmes.

Young seemed only a shadow of the man who had scored a convincing victory over George Foreman right here. His coordination was poor, his famous combinations were few and far between and he had the look of a defeated fighter from the very start.

Nothing really happened in the first two rounds. In the third, Ocasio took the lead, scoring well with a good left hook and later with a solid right-cross for the two best blows of the fight.

What little fighting that was done in the fourth and fifth, was done by Ocasio with Young coming on in the middle rounds but fading again in the closing sessions.

When it was over, all three officials had it 97-95, which was the way the consensus had it.

The only cuts in the fight were suffered by Young, who had nine stitches taken just above his nose. He also had two stitches over his left eye lid.

"Ocasio fought a very dirty fight, butting and thumbing," claimed one of his trainers. But dirty or not, Young lost a fight he could have won, if he would have fought. Maybe there's nothing left at thirty. As far as Ocasio was concerned, he may not have fought a thrilling fight, but he fought a wise one. He seemed to have a mental calculation of how it was going and did not exert any more pressure than what was necessary to get the nod against a man who did little fighting—because he couldn't, or he wouldn't.

In the semi-final ten, middleweight Carlos "Sugar" de Leon looked real great in polishing-off Bonifacio Avila of Colombia in heats. Avila was sporting a good string of victories and looked good for a while but once Sugar started landing his heavy bombs, Bonifacio was a dead duck.

Returning to the scene of his greatest triumph, his ten-round upset win over George Foreman three years ago here at Clemente Coliseum, Jimmy Young did not have that confident air he exhibited then. He was the first one in the ring, and, as he looked at the many faces below, he seemed to be quite confused. The applause he expected was not there. Not even a ripple.

Were these the same people that had shouted, in unison, "Jeemy Young—Jeemy Young," during his Foreman bout? He seemed to forget that at that time he was an underdog of major proportions and that this time he was not only coming in as the betting favorite but also against a local.

He looked like a man sunk in oblivion. The fight had not started and he already had the look of a loser.

A far cry from the man whom many felt had not only beaten Muhamad Ali, but also Ken Norton. Add to this his two legitimate victories over Ron Lyle and his Foreman affair and you have to say: Where has it all gone?

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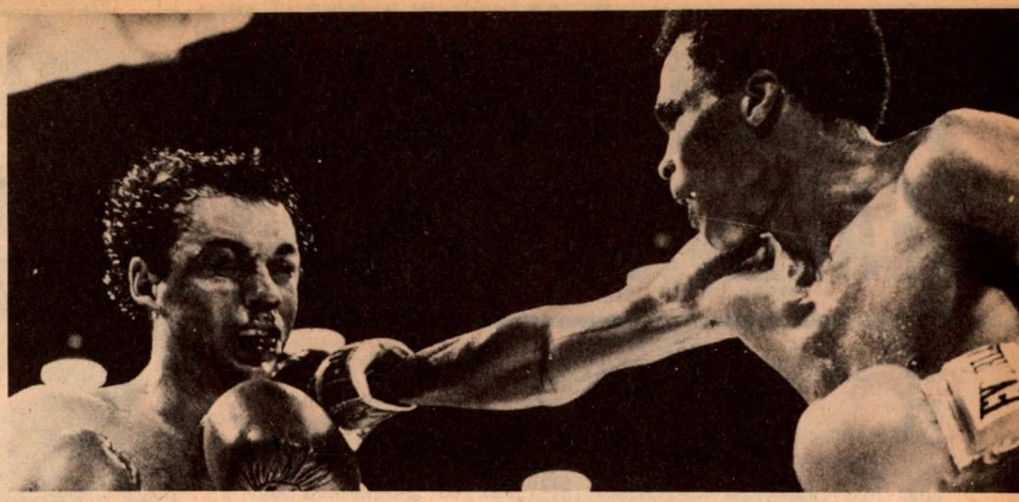
LEONARD STOPS MARCOTTE IN EIGHT

By ROBERT GILLIAN



Sugar Ray Leonard lands a hard right to the jaw of Canadian middleweight champion Fernand Marcotte in the eighth round of their scheduled ten-rounder in Miami Beach. Leonard stopped Marcotte at 2:33 of the round.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Welterweight sensation Sugar Ray Leonard treated a national television audience to a clinic on the art of self defense when he knocked out Canadian middleweight champion Fernand Marcotte in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round main event at Miami Beach. Sugar Ray used every single weapon in his diversified arsenal as he whipped Marcotte like he was his daddy. After the standard let's see what he's got first round, the Sugarman started to open up in the second with crisp combinations that had Marcotte's face red and swelling by the end of the session. Although Leonard hails from the Washington D.C. suburb of Palmer Park Maryland, the 6,046 who showed up at Miami Beach's Convention Center made him feel right at home.

Leonard responded by stepping up his attack in the third round when he started landing vicious uppercuts as Marcotte attempted to cover up. Marcotte, a converted southpaw with a dangerous left hook is far from being a chump. Although he is a jr. middleweight as far as his actual weight is concerned (155½) he is the Canadian middleweight champion, and in a career that has seen him in the same ring with Clyde Gray, Elisha Obed, Donato Paduano and Rocky Mattioli, Marcotte has forty-seven pro fights under his belt. Before the Leonard bout, Marcotte's record was 36-9-2, and in 36 victories, his potent left hook sent twenty-two opponents to dream city. Like I said, Fernand Marcotte is no chump.

Sugar Ray Leonard by the same token is no chump either and Fernand Marcotte would be the first to agree with me. By the third round he was in complete control and

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TATE ICES BOBICK IN FIRST

By GORDON ALEXANDER

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—John Tate 229, scored a kayo at 2:16 of the first round of his light workout with Duane Bobick, 207, Bowlus, Minn. on ABC-TV. The voice of ABC for this bout Chris Schenkel stated, what could be the feelings of some at the network, when he said to Duane "we are sorry it happened." The network had to be sorry. Think of the lost commercial time.

Duane, who was on a comeback trail, scoring wins over such men as Fernando Montes, John Jordan, Jerry Thompkins, Tom Nickson, Terry Mims, Tom Prater, and the ever-popular Bulldog Patterson, on route to this high rating in the WBA, looked just as good as when he boxed on T.V. against Ken Norton, one round and Kallie Knoetze, three.

Bobick's new manager Dave Wolf, a ex-sport writer, who once wrote against build-ups of boxers against so called nobodies managed to practice what he preached against very well, and conned both promoters, Top Rank and the ABC T.V. network into accepting Duane the comeback trail. Did he OK Duane or was his mis-lead by someone.

The less said about the fight the better for poor Duane. ABC had guts enough to bring him back after the bout to see himself get murdered in a replay. Did they forget that Duane was there taking the punches in the first place? But they had to get the commercials in, besides Bobick was reported to be getting $125,000 for the bout so he had better give ABC its monies worth in blood and time.

Let's be fair to ABC Frank Gifford stated after the bout that "Bobick better find another career". We all hope that Duane will take Mr. Gifford's advice.

For the undefeated Tate, it was a big TV

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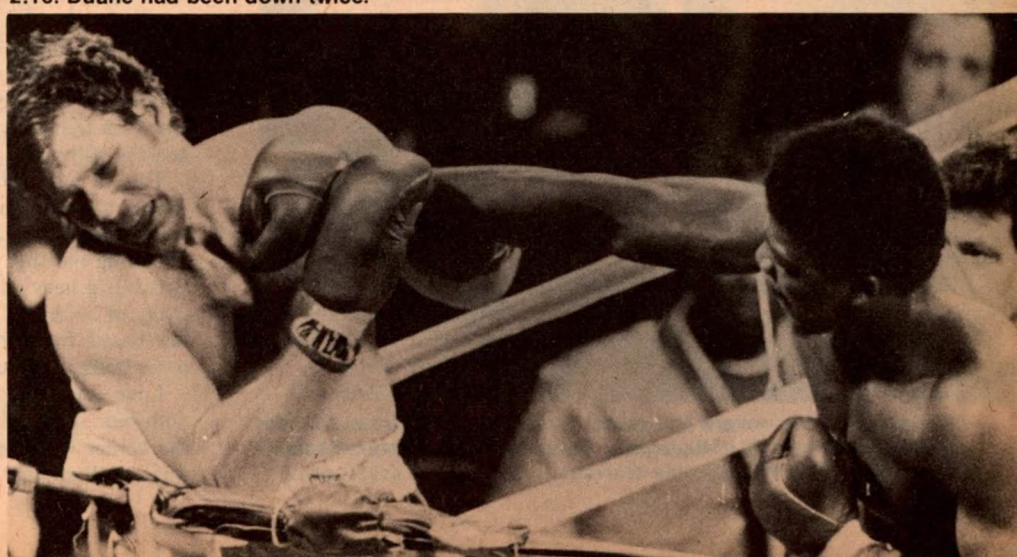
Undefeated John Tate pounds Duane Bobick into a corner in the first round on their nationally televised fight in Indianapolis. Referee George DeFabis stopped the bout at 2:16. Duane had been down twice.



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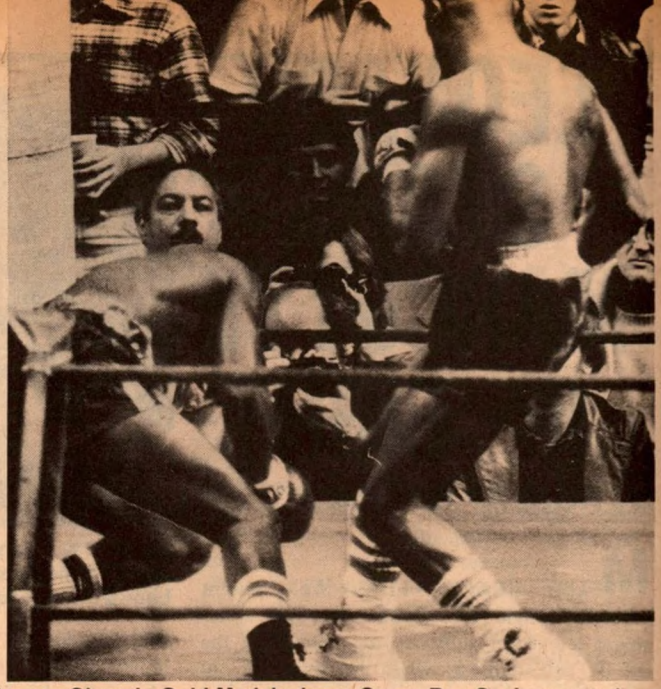

Former Olympic Gold Medal winner Sugar Ray Seales goes down from the assault of Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Hagler stopped Seales at 1:20 of the first round.

By "SAILOR" DON SAUER

BOSTON, MASS. — The ancient Boston Garden was rocking and rolling, and so was Sugar Ray Seales, 162, Seattle, Wash., after Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 161¼, rocked and socked the former Olympic Gold Medal winner with an assortment of shots and halted the west coast import at 1:20 of the first round before a crowd of 5,008. The gross gate was $43,800.

The crowd loved it. Marvelous Marvin is their hero, and he knows it. He came out smoking and Seales never got a shot off. Ray never did get started. He was relaxing in his dressing room prior to the fight, lying under a robe and towel, meditating. Hagler was next door. "I'll destroy the guy," he told this writer. Hagler was right.

Marvin grabbed the mike after the quick kayo. (He never was shy.) "Hugo Corro, I want you," he yelled to a national television audience. Maybe Corro won't be an easy target, like Seales, but it will be interesting, I'm sure. After the Hugo Corro-Vito Antuofermo confrontation, Corro may not be champ. But whoever is, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the newest Brockton, Mass., Blockbuster, will be ready.

Frankie Valenti, son of veteran fight promoter Rip, said that if the U.S. Navy had had a destroyer like Hagler, World War II would have been over in two years. I have to go along with Fran-

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DAVID LOVE BEATS BENNIE BRISCOE

Bennie Briscoe covers up against Dave Love in their ten-rounder at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. Love won a unanimous decision over the aging Philadelphia Warrior.

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA — The end of a long and distinguished career looms ominously close for local legend Bennie Briscoe following a unanimous ten-round loss to San Diego middleweight David Love at the Spectrum.

Bennie is now only a shadow of the once fearsome slugger who has scored fifty kayos during his seventeen-year career. However, the 36-year-old warrior stubbornly refuses to see the handwriting on the wall.

"I don't feel like quitting just because I had a bad night. The only way I would retire would be if they cut off one of my legs."

It was a sad sight for the 6,296 fans to see their longtime hero lose to a fighter he would have destroyed just a few years ago. His heart is still willing but the body will no longer respond.

This is not to take anything away from Love's fine effort. He fought a skillful and intelligent battle, always moving away from the plodding Briscoe and scoring with crisp combos.

During the first half of the match, Love, 157, built a large lead. Briscoe, a heavy 164, seemed sluggish and off-stride, missing with many of his blows. The nimble Californian had Bennie's nose leaking blood from the fourth round on, although his punches were more bothersome than hurtful.

Love started to slow down in the sixth, and Briscoe nailed him with four solid rights to the head. David was bleeding from a cut in the corner of his right eye and at that point it looked like Bennie might pull another surprise. It was not to be.

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CUEVAS TAKES OUT CLARK IN SECOND

(Left) Jose (Pipino) Cuevas, WBA world welterweight champion. (Right) Scott Clark, who was knocked out by Cuevas in the second round of their fifteen-round title fight in Inglewood, Calif.

By DON FRASER

Inglewood, Calif. — Pipino Cuevas really dominates the welterweight division.

The WBA champion now has knocked out six of the top ten contenders.

Number six was Florida's Scott Clark, who was destroyed in less than two rounds at the Forum before a near capacity gathering.

Cuevas is ready and willing to accomodate Wilfred Benitez, the world and WBC titleholder. There is also talk that former lightweight champion Roberto Duran is eager to take on the Mexican whirlwind.

Typically, the twenty-year-old slugger made it look easy, knocking out Clark at the 2:15 mark of the second round.

Referee Luis Sulbaran of Venezuela had to pull the charging champion off the defenseless challenger following the second of two knockdowns.

The first time he went down, Clark was floored by a solid left hook. He took an eight-count; then tried to hold off Cuevas, but was soon down again from another left hook.

When he made it to his feet, Scott could offer little resistance and referee Sulbaran rushed in to halt it, mercifully.

Dominic Polo, Clark's trainer, was high in his praise of Cuevas. "He hits too hard for either Benitez of Duran," said Polo after the brief title match.

Cuevas has now stopped his last three challengers in a total of five rounds and has won all of his nine title bouts by KO. His record is now 30-5 with twenty-two knockouts.

Young Clark suffered his second loss in thirty fights.

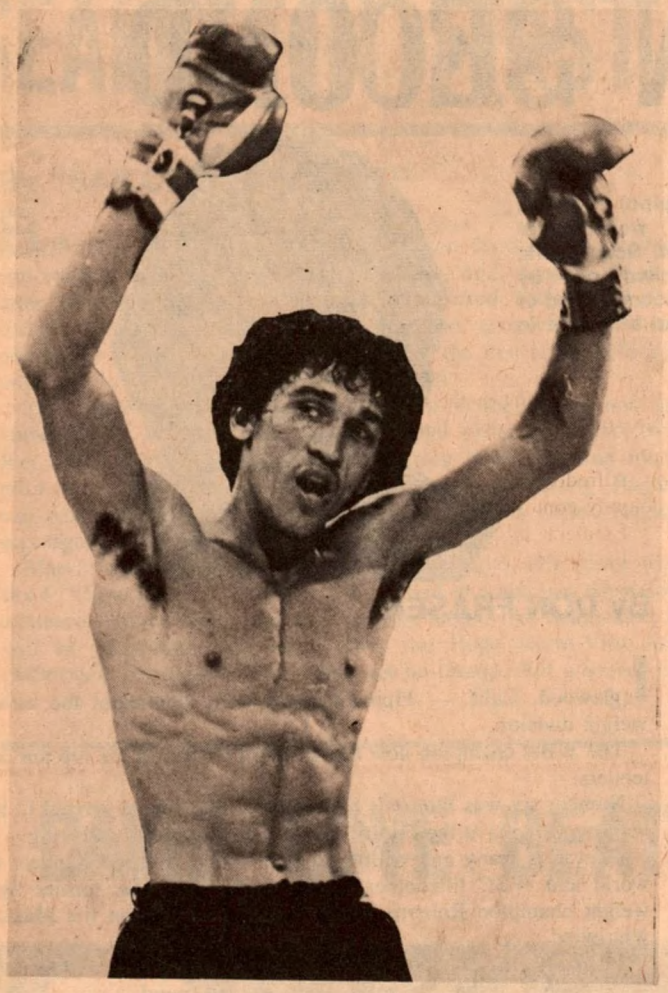
Weights: Cuevas, 146, Clark, 145½.

The crowd of 16,100 paid $255,440, of which Cuevas received $125,000, plus TV rights to Mexico. Clark was paid a flat $25-,000.

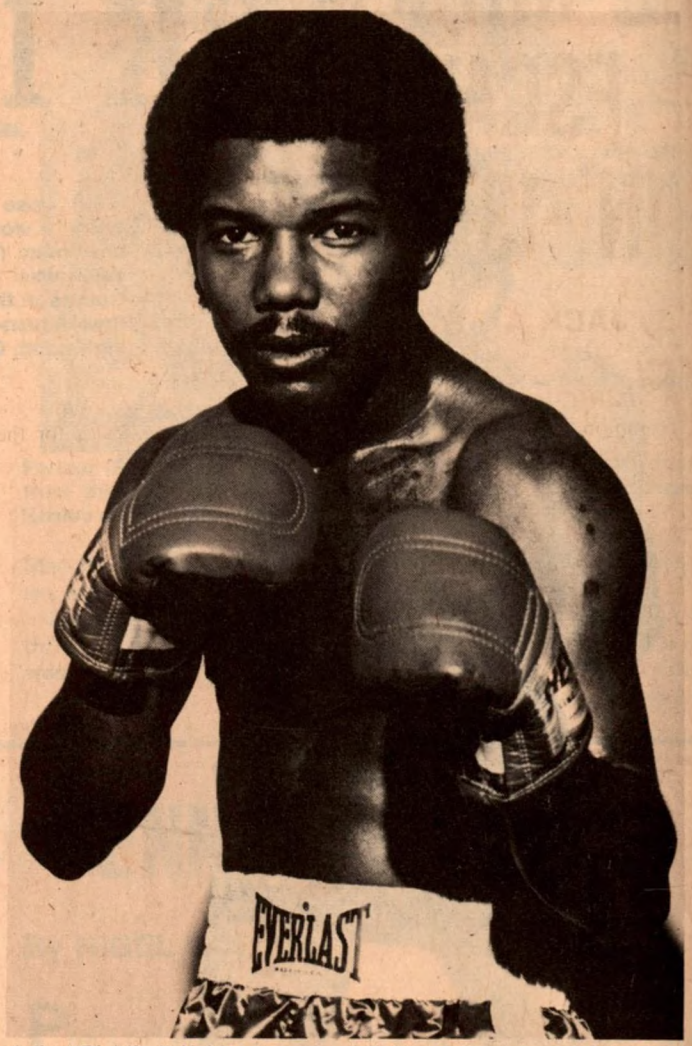
Promoter Danny Villanueva of the sponsoring Magnaverde group was pleased with the gate receipts.

In other bouts: Irish Randy Shields, 145½, North Hollywood, outpointed Jose Palacios, 145, Mexico City; Juan Escobar, 125¼, Mexico City, kayoed Pino Lara, 125½, Pasadena, four; Julio Mendez, 135½, Los Angeles, outscored Alfredo Carranza, 137, Long Beach.

SERRANO BEATS VALDEZ



World junior lightweight champion Samuel Serrano successfully defended his title by winning a unanimous decision over Julio Valdez in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Julio "Diablito" Valdez, a natural lightweight, seemed frustrated by his inability to cope with the 130-pound champion's reach and punching power.

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Hiram B. Thorn Stadium, San Juan, P.R.—Samuel Serrano successfully defended his junior lightweight title when he scored a unanimous fifteen-round decision over Julio Valdez of the Dominican Republic. But there was more action in the aftermath of the fight as chairs flew and club swinging policemen attempted to cool off the irate fans.

Normally, an after fight ruckus is related to disagreement in the decision but there was no doubt that Serrano was entitled to the verdict. In fact, referee Larry Rozadilla's final score was 155-135.

The big turmoil was caused by a brief after fight scuffle between Serrano and Valdez which was provoked by the champion. It was followed by a right-cross by one of Valdez' seconds that landed on Serrano's kisser.

The local fans were already quite heated up by the Dominican's rough house tactics, which started early in the fight and caused the ref to take points away from him on two occasions.

Not to be outdone, the champion retaliated in a like manner, but Serrano may have felt that he was still not even with Valdez when he decided to continue the fray.

But his after fight action produced a wild melee at ringside with a few heads clubbed. There was also some chair throwing, of no major consequence.

Fans wanted to give vent to their anger at the Valdez entourage, but with quick action by local police, the situation was under control in a matter of minutes.

The fight started off as if it was going to be a short one when Valdez was dropped by a left jab for an automatic eight-count in the first round. This produced Valdez's first unhappy moment and he felt it was a slip. He came back in the following rounds in an aggressive but haphazard fashion in an attempt to catch the back pedalling, fast moving Serrano. In his haste to get the tide of the bout turned his way, he fouled and butted Serrano. Not one to be outdone, the champion also rataliated with the same medicine.

It turned out to be a busy evening for referee Larry Rozadilla, as he warned first one and then the other contestant.

From an aspect of styles, it was not a very exciting fight. Valdez was strong in close and Serrano at long range. About the most exciting round of the fight was the eighth, when Serrano had Valdez on queer street with a right cross to the head but failed to finish his opponent. The fight proceeded in the same manner in the closing rounds: a desperate Valdez trying to win at all cost, while

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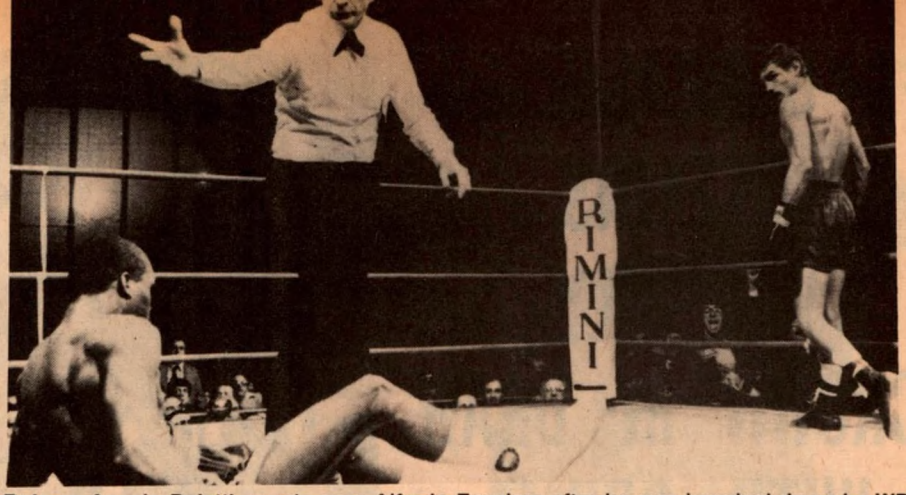
ARGUELLO KAYOES ESCALERA IN 13 AGAIN



Referee Angelo Poletti counts over Alfredo Escalera after he was knocked down by WBC world junior lightweight champion Alexis Arguello. Arguello won by a knockout at 1:24 of the thirteenth round.

By JACK A. TREE

RIMINI, ITALY—Alexis Arguello, WBC junior lightweight champion, kayoed ex-king Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico, for the second time in the thirteenth round to retain the crown.

Alexis, won the title via thirteenth round TKO over Alfredo in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in January, 1978. The doctor halted the bout due to a cut on the face of Escalera.

This time, it was a knockout at 1:24 of the 13th. A short left jab and a quick left hook put the ex-king on the deck for the count.

The bout started out with Arguello using his height and reach and scoring well with left jabs to the head.

Alexis open a bad cut under the right eye of the challenger in the second round with a slashing left hook.

Escalera was decked in the fourth and fifth rounds from uppercuts and also took a standing eight count in round five.

At this point in the one-side contest, Escalera was bleeding heavily from both eyes but the ring doctor decided to let the bout go on.

Alfredo still took a beating in round six and seven and the bloody contest looked like it would soon end.

Escalera shocked the crowd by coming back to win the eight round and opening a cut next to Arguello's right eye.

Alfredo came on to win the ninth to twelve rounds as Arguello looked tired. The WBC king had trouble making the 130-weight limit.

Round thirteen: Alfredo started well, but walked right into the kayo punch.

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European middleweight champion Alan Minter, who beat Rudy Robles in ten rounds in Wembley Conference Centre. The scoreline was 100-95. (Photograph by H. Goodwin).

ALAN MINTER OUTPOINTS RUDY ROBLES IN TEN

By RON OLVER

Wembley Conference Centre—Millions of TV viewers, in addition to a packed house at London't latest fight venue, saw European middleweight champion Alan Minter give a near-flawless display to comfortably outpoint Los Angeles-Mexican Rudy Robles over ten rounds. The scoreline was 100-95, which meant that Minter won every round.

This was indeed a fine performance against a man who had gone the full distance with Rodrigo Valdes in a world title fight. Valdes couldn't seem to hurt Rudy, but Minter did, on several occasions. But Robles is both strong and plucky, and gave the European champ just the sort of fight he wanted prior to a probable meeting with world champ Hugo Corro in a few month's time.

In his dressing room before the fight, Minter and his manager Doug Bidwell both said that this contest was, of course, a bit of a risk. A defeat, even on an injury, could mean a postponement of his proposed world title shot.

"However, I need a fight to keep sharp," said Alan. "Gym work is all very well, but is no real substitute for a proper contest against a good-class opponent."

And Robles was certainly good class. He came forward persistently, throwing a lot of leather, but Minter boxed him off coolly and competently.

It was noticeable that, whenever Robles came in crouching, with head bobbing, Alan made sure he kept his eyes out of trouble by putting his own head over his opponent's shoulder.

Alan has had plenty of trouble with injuries of this nature, and was not prepared to take the risk of a cut. However, it must be said that on one or two occasions, Alan forgot the script, and waded in, both hands

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GONZALEZ RETAINS WBA FLY CROWN IN DRAW WITH OGUMA

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

HAMAMATSU CITY, JAPAN — Venezuelan veteran Betulio Gonzalez, 29-year-old WBA flyweight champion, was held to a controversial draw by aggressive lefty Shoji Oguma of Japan in fifteen hard-fought and gory rounds before a roaring crowd of 5,500 partisan fans at Hamamatsu Gymnasium.

A riot almost occurred when the referee, Martin Denkin, raised the fighters' hands to declare a SPLIT DRAW. The official scoresheets were as follows: Denkin of the U.S., 145-145; Japanese judge Takeshi Makimura, 149-146 for Oguma; and Venezuelan judge Jesus Celis, 147-143 for the compatriot champ.

Southpaw Oguma, two years the champion's junior, kept aggressive all the way, while the somewhat shorter Gonzalez kept retreating, only counterpunching on a few occasions. It was one of the worst decisions in 139 previous world title contests ever held in this country.

Your reporter had been trying to evaluate the fighters as impartially as possible, whatever his nationality might be. My score was 148-146 in favor of by far the more aggressive of them, Oguma.

Then, why was the score so close? It was only because of the crafty counterpunching of Gonzalez, who managed to retain the WBA version in the flyweight class for the second time since dethroning Mexico's Guty Espadas via a fifteen-round hairline nod last August.

Oguma, who continually aimed at the defending champ's midsection, received some counters from the retreating Venezuelan despite the effects of his body punches. The challenger began bleeding around the left eyebrow in the fifth and from the nose in the eighth, while Gonzalez bled from the cut over the left eyebrow in round eight.

It was their rubber battle. Oguma became the WBC titlist by a fifteen-round decision over Gonzalez in October, 1974, after losing a decision to him in ten non-title rounds about four months before. Both bouts were in Nippon.

WBA world flyweight champion Betulio Gonzalez on the scale during the weight-in at Hamamatsu Gym. Challenger Shoji Oguma looks on. Gonzalez held on to his crown when the fight we called a draw, but many felt that Oguma had beaten him.

This night, Gonzalez entered the ring at 111¼ to 112 pounds for Oguma. The stronger punching Oguma took the lead in the second round by tossing plenty of straight shots at Gonzales, who was still studying his opponent's attacking pattern. The challenger won the round.

Although Oguma, who had finished eighteen victims in thirty-one wins against seven draws, dominated one more round, the fourth, his straight-forward offence seemed to be solved by the clever champ to some extent. Gonzalez could move without losing points from the fifth to seventh sessions for all of Oguma's non-stop rallies. The Venezuelan averted almost all the leather thrown by Oguma and responded with a few well-timed rights to the face.

The eighth round saw Gonzalez in command. He came forward for the first time, sending sharp lefts and rights to the gory face of Oguma. But, in the fierce mix-up, Gonzalez also received a bad gash by an accidental butt. The blood prevented the older champ from coming close to his brutal rival. His footwork barely made the ninth round even against Oguma's resistless rallies. As the champ's feet were fading, the lefty puncher had Gonzalez backpedaling with his combinations to the body and the face, winning the tenth session.

If there were a 10 to 9.5 score on the ten-point must system, Oguma would have been the winner of the eleventh and twelfth rounds by such a slight margin. Gonzalez seldom threw any blows except occasional countering rights. However, the game and gutsy Oguma was unable to catch the elusive champ with clean hits.

The thirteenth canto, which was fought evenly, witnessed Oguma's left eye puffed and the blood streaming very much.

The gory challenger displayed his best in round fourteen, as he finely connected with body punches followed by solid right hooks to the face. At the middle of the three min-

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CANTO RETAINS FLYWEIGHT CROWN

By JUAN ORTEGA

MERIDA, MEXICO—Mexico's Miguel Canto defeated local Antonio Avelar in fifteen rounds, retaining his world flyweight title before his hometown crowd.

Miguel won this slow fifteen-round bout without too much effort. The champ has looked better in other bouts but Antonio was a tough man for him to box.

Canto a short 112-pounder, found it hard to get to the taller Avelar. The young Mexican, ranked number ten by the WBC, was no match for Miguel.

The champion tried hard to put away Antonio early in the bout. He charged in, trying to stay close enough to land the big blow that would end the contest. It was not to be. Avelar grabbed and held the champ.

Miguel did manage to land a left hook or a right hand to the head, but could not put blows together to do any major damage.

Canto started to feel the heat of the night in this ourdoor card in the ninth round. He looked weak at this time.

Antonio still threw left jabs, keeping Canto away as much as he could, and held if the champ got inside his long left hand.

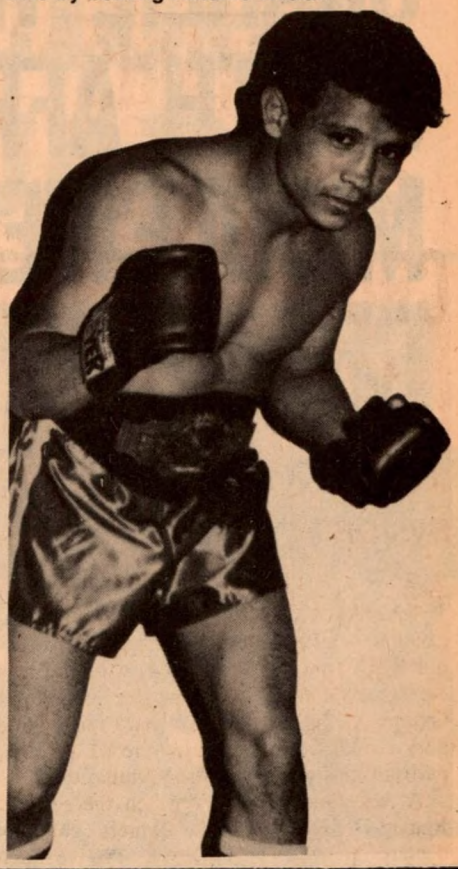
Avelar started to come on after the tenth. He put the right hand behind the left jab and landed to the head of the slow moving Canto.

Antonio might have had a shot if he would have open up at this point in the bout, but he just didn't want to take any chances.

Still jabbing and holding, the youngster managed to make the bout closer then it really was. Miguel looked tired at the end and he was lucky that this untried kid didn't pressure him.

Miguel could be in trouble next outing. He is defending his crown in Seoul, South Korea against local Chang Hee Park. This will be his fifteenth title defense. Canto's last kayo was on Aug. 23, 1975. Since then, his bouts (13) have gone the distance. On the undercard, former WBA flyweight king Guty Espada, Merida, stopped Ruben "Gato" Mancilla in three. Guty is hoping that Miguel and he can box in Merida this summer for the latter's title.

World flyweight champion Miguel Canto, who retained his title for the fourteenth time by beating Antonio Avelar.



BLACKMOORE DEFEATS MARRERO

By KHEMRAJ SINGH

Georgetown, Guyana—A well conditioned Len Blackmoore, Guyana's lightweight champion, fighting as a junior welterweight and weighing in at 140, outclassed and outboxed world rated Adriano "Nani" Marrero, 138½, in a classic ten-round encounter at the National Sports Hall before a large crowd. Blackmoore won on a unanimous points decision.

Marrero, who possessed the type of artillery that could change the course of a fight easily, found Blackmoore an elusive target and was frustrated throughout the bout.

The fight started with both boxers feeling each other out, and for the first two rounds, it was a question of jabbing and light punching. However, in the third, fourth, and fifth rounds, it was all Blackmoore. He was scoring from every angle. Right hooks, left jabs, and upper cuts were used with great precision. Marrero's counter to these tactics were a light right jab and wild swings.

Round eight was Marrero's best round. He hit Blackmoore with a solid right to the mid-section which forced him onto the ropes and showered him with rights and lefts to the body.

In round ten, Marrero caught Blackmoore with a right hook which staggered him momentarily, but Blackmoore retaliated with a right cross and a left hook when the bell rang. Both boxers were given a standing ovation.

The entire four-bout card was a good one. Brian Muller, 150, Guyana's National

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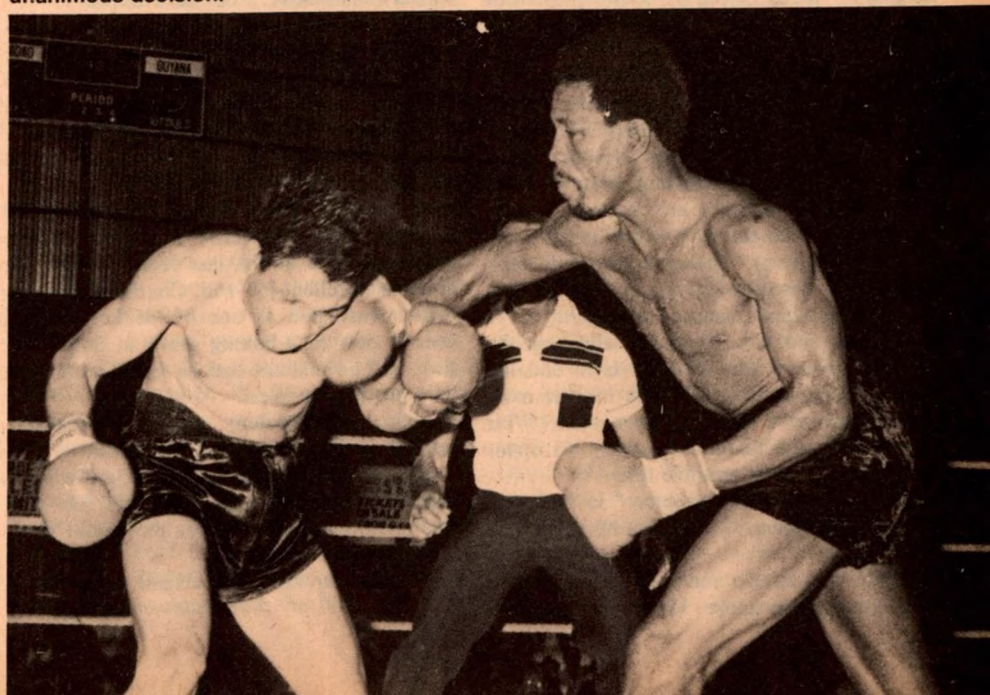
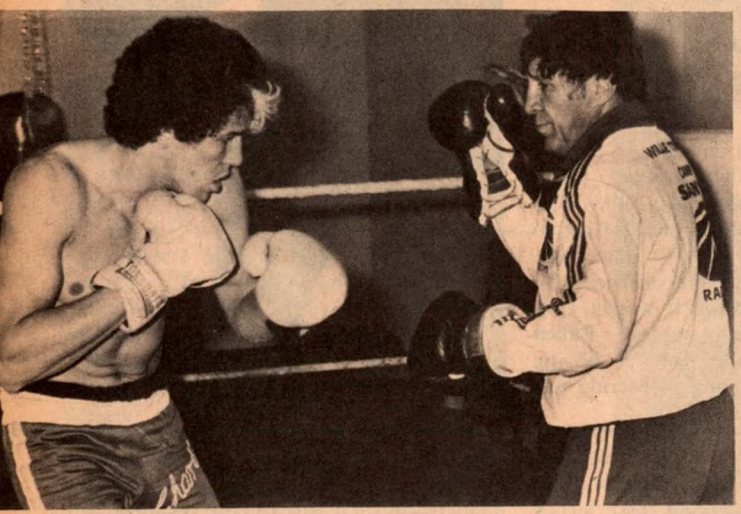
Lennox Blackmoore scores with a right to the jaw of "Nani" Marrero. Blackmoore won unanimous decision.

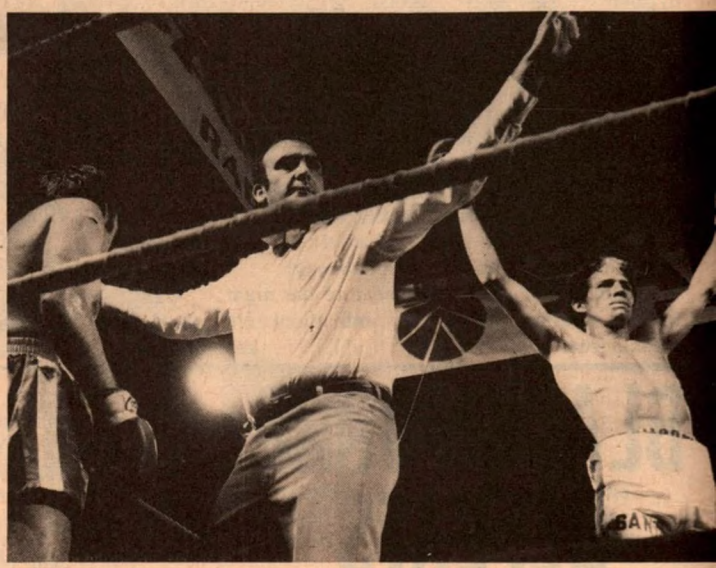


CHARLIE WEIR: SOUTH AFRICAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION

Charlie Weir at work in his office. (Photograph by Glenn Lambrecht)



Charlie at work in the gym, learning his trade from manager-trainer Willie Toweel.



(Above) Referee Stanley Christodoulou stops the Weir-Danny McAloon fight in the second round. (Below) Charlie on the way to beating Mike Baker, who was disqualified in the sixth round.

By VIC JAMES

There has never been a bigger or brighter diamond exported from Kimberley than Charlie Weir, the South African Middleweight Champion.

Never since the days of Vic Toweel, former world bantamweight champion, has any boxer captured the imagination of the public like Charlie "Silver Assassin" Weir.

The fight fans go into an absolute frenzy when he leaves his dressing room for the ring, where he becomes an "Assassin".

Weir gets into the ring with one purpose, to win at all costs. He has a job to do, and goes about demolishing his opposition in a most professional manner. As he says: "I don't get paid over time for allowing the fight to go very far. My aim is to end the fight as soon as possible." He has the most cold green eyes one has ever seen. Weir knows only one thing—to destroy his opponent in the shortest possible time.

He was a brilliant amateur. He had over 88 fights, winning 82 of them, 80 by knock-outs.

When he was two years old, he fell down some steps at his house. He cut his forehead, and ever since then Weir has been sporting the silver patch on his forehead. Hence the name "Silver Assassin" was given to him by his matchmaker, Maurice Toweel.

Weir is a tremendous boxer-fighter-puncher, a ball of fire from the words go. His style is all action, most compact and thrilling to watch. If he has a fault, then one must criticise his footwork and his defence.

In all fairness to his trainer/manager Willie Toweel, he has taught Weir a lot in a very short time. Watching the 22-year-old boxer in action, one is amazed at his fitness and improvement over the last year. Toweel has done an excellent job with Charlie's training. Willie was rated as one of the best boxers ever to don on a boxing glove in South Africa, and he realizes that he has a most brilliant prospect in Weir.

Weir was beaten on one occasion, stopped in five rounds by Joseph Hali. I personally feel that Weir made the grave mistake of underestimating Joe Hali. He was also very active that year; the strain must have taken it's toll.

That defeat was a blessing in disguise. It

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FEATHERWEIGHT FRANKIE DUARTE

Duarte Wants A Crack At The WBC Title Held By Danny Lopez

By JESS HERNANDEZ

Frankie Duarte, a top featherweight, has compiled a ring record of 31-4 with twenty-four kayoes. Frankie is now managed by Ralph Gambina.

Los Angeles, Calif.—The future has never looked so good fistically for featherweight Frankie Duarte of Venice, Calif. The best thing that has happened to the good looking hard socking Duarte is that he is now managed by venerable Ralph Gambina. The first thing Gambina did for Duarte was to sign him to meet tough Francisco Flores in a twelve-round Calif. state featherweight clash at the Olympic Auditorium. The Olympic Boxing Club has been the scene of Frankie's most successful professional engagements since he turned pro in 1974. As a bantamweight early in his career, Frankie, now twenty-four and tipping the scale at 126, scored twenty-three straight wins. In Dec. of 1974, in Sacramento, Calif., Duarte lost a close, split twelve-round verdict to Joe Guevara. Frankie Duarte has one of the best ring ledgers in boxing, with a pro record of 31-4 with twenty-four KOs. His only knockout defeat came at the hands of Albert Davila on June 9, 1977 at the Olympic Boxing Club. "I don't want to make any excuses but my defeat to Davila was because I was having trouble making the weight of 118 pounds. I felt very weak during the fight and suffered my only kayo defeat," said Frankie.

Hard-nosed leather slinger Frankie Duarte is rated number three in *The Ring* Magazine's world rankings. Duarte launched his career on Nov. 4, 1974 in Honolulu, when he kayoed Cecil Escobido in two heats. Joe Guevara whipped Duarte on Dec. 3 of '74 in Sacramento. After Tarcisio Gomez beat Duarte in ten rounds at the Olympic Boxing Club on May 29, 1975, Venice-born Frankie reeled off twenty-three straight ring triumphs, starting with Puerto Rican Jose Rosa on Sept. 20, 1975. One of Duarte's most sensational wins came at the expense of tough Ernie Grafe, who Frankie kayoed in eight rounds on June 17, 1976. Following his loss to Albert Davila, Duarte and manager Johnny Gabrea severed relations. "I wanted a manager who could get me some good matches and national exposure. I really felt my career was at a standstill. I wasn't going anywhere. So I decided to sign a five year contract with Ralph Gambina," replied the 24-year-old. It was Duarte who served as a sparring partner for featherweight king Danny Lopez when he trained to defend his title against Roberto Castenon in Salt Lake City. Since signing with Gambina, Duarte has been jolted with bad luck. First he sprained an ankle while training to fight Earl Large in Lake Tahoe, then he came down with the flu in his Calif. state fight with Francisco Flores. "Frankie is going to get some good fights if I have a free hand in making them. I'd like Duarte to meet Lupe Pintor or even fight Danny Lopez for the title," remarked the roly-poly Gambina.

Under the astute management of crafty Gambina, Duarte has posted two wins. On June, 1978 in the Pico-Rivera Arena, hard punching Duarte easily scored a ten-round victory over Peter King from San Diego, Calif. Frankie really looked terrific in scoring a ninth round TKO triumph over veteran Danny O'Campo at the Forum. "Looking back on my career, I would say that Albert Davila and Joe Guevara were the best fighters I met. As for the coming future, I'd really like a crack at the featherweight crown. Remember, I've been in the top ratings for a long time and my record of 31-4 with

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DETROIT'S DWIGHT DAVISON

Dwight Davison, fast rising middleweight, who sports a 17-0 record.

By LIZ HOLLEY
Photos By PAUL T. HUSSEY

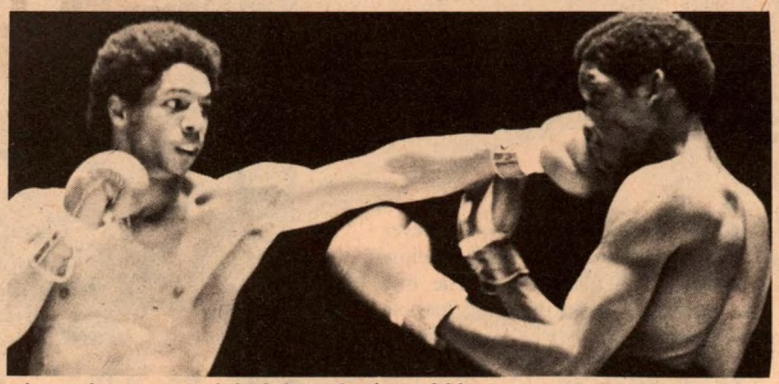
Perhaps one of the hottest prospects in the middleweight division of boxing today is a young Detroiter named Dwight Davison.

Standing six feet tall and twenty-three years of age, Davison has amassed a record of 18-0 with a total of thirteen wins by KO. Davison has excellent boxing skill, emphasized by his long reach and his tremendous punch, not only in his right hand, but, equally as great, in his left.

Davison is a very quiet, unassuming young man whose interests lie with boxing and music. Dwight is an avid trainer and he has certainly two of the finest trainers in the business in Detroit's Luther Burgess and Mr. Festus. Mr. Festus is known in Detroit as a hard working, strong, trainer. Burgess has certainly guided his prize fighter well, as Dwight has steadily worked his way up to ten-round main events, and also has begun facing a much tougher clientele all the way around.

Davison, a very gutsy young man, has traveled extensively throughout the United States, fighting in his hometown of Detroit, as well as Las Vegas, Phoenix, Columbus, and Houston. Unusual for a young fighter, but Davison is not afraid to put his strength, stamina, and skill on the line with anyone, anywhere. He has a long way to go toward the championship, but his manager and trainer are building rapidly toward that end.

Davison, who has been featured on shows in Detroit's Olympia, and also the Hillcrest Country Club in nearby Mt. Clemens, Michigan has shown outstanding progress in beating some very tough veteran fighters including; Gary Coates, Mike West, Jeff Morgan and Ralph Moncrief. Davison's fight with Ralph Moncrief was a very hard fought match, with both fighters taking some good punches and Davison moving very well around the ring. But the crisp jabs of Davison took their toll on Moncrief, who was bloodied and worn out by the end of the fight. Although there was no doubt as to the decision, Moncrief gave Davison a good test—the kind of test that all young professionals need to improve and break their way into the ranks of contending fighters.



Davison shoots a straight left to the jaw of his opponent enroute to an easy victory.

Davison should surely be next in line for a place in the United States ratings, and once there, there is no doubt that he will climb up one by one until he breaks into the world ratings and has a chance to face the true professionals. With Davison's puncher/boxer ability and his thunderous punches there is no way that he can not make it.

There may be competition in Detroit for King of the Hill as far as outstanding boxers go, but Dwight Davison will stand up with the best of the names and at the end may very well become the champion of the world.

Trainer Luther Burgess coaches Dwight between rounds.

EARL TRIPP: NEW HEAVYWEIGHT THREAT

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Every heavyweight worth his boxing gloves has ambitions to become the world heavyweight champion.

But not many begin their ring career in so auspicious a manner as Earl Tripp, who makes his home in the fight capitol of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The nineteen-year old Tripp scored five successive first-round knockouts in his first five professional fights.

This awesome streak was broken by one second-round knockout, and then two victories by decision. The eight-fight victory streak is offset by only one loss—to Fahim Mohammad of Los Angeles.

This loss by decision is one that Tripp vows will never happen again.

"That loss just made me want to train harder", states Tripp. "Mohammad's southpaw style threw me off, because it was the first time I had fought a left-hander. But, as I gain more experience, I'll be able to handle any kind of strategy an opponent can throw at me. I'll develop a style that can cope with all other styles".

Tripp was born in North Carolina and moved, in infancy, to New York City, where his mother owns a small candy store. Earl is the oldest of a large family that includes six brothers and one sister. "You know", says Earl protectively, "I wouldn't want my little brothers to become boxers. It's too rough!"

Young Earl Tripp started his road to ring fame when he beat Kevin Isaacs to become the New York Golden Gloves heavyweight champion. Earl's trainer was the veteran Cleveland "Champ's Zanders, himself a boxer of note in his younger days.

Zanders, during his fight career, was managed by Stan Tischler, who now resides in Las Vegas. By a quirk of fate Zanders, while watching a televised Las Vegas bout from his New York home, caught a glimpse of Tischler on camera.

"Champ" immediately got in touch with his old trainer, and the result is that Zanders moved himself and his young protege Earl Tripp to Las Vegas. Tripp's career is now managed by Stan Tischler, while Zanders continues as his trainer.

No fighter ever entered a ring with more dedication to his craft than young Earl Tripp. Says the heavyweight: "I know I'm much more dedicated than the average fighter. There are few men that train as hard as I do. I used to take time off after a fight—but no more. I know how important training is—so that's why you'll see me in the gym the very next day after a fight".

He went on: "The hardest thing about a boxing career is getting in shape. I don't ever let myself slack off. Besides training on the bags and sparring—I constantly run, spring, and jog. This means work every single day. Because once you're in shape, it's easy to stay that way".

At 5'11" and 200 pounds, Earl Tripp is shorter and lighter than the average heavyweight. But size is no deterrent to this young man, as he says: "Size don't mean anything. If you're good enough, you're big enough. I got a heart big enough for a guy twice my size—and that's what counts when you're in the middle of the ring!"

Earl explained further: "I'm learning a lot of strategy; and I'm building up my confidence every day. Within a year, I plan to be eligible to fight anybody in the world. In fact, right now, I feel I could beat any of the top heavyweights around. That includes Holmes, Norton, Spinks, or anyone else you could name!"

For all his confidence and ambition, young Earl Tripp is humble, soft-spoken, and thoroughly likeable.

"I don't need to talk a lot", grins the fighter. "I do all my talking in the ring—where it counts".

"I guess I'm a pretty quiet guy", he continued. "I don't go in for theatrics—either in or out of the ring. I aim to be champion one day, and I think that a world Champion should be a gentlemen!"

Tripp and his manager, Stan Tischler, are completely devoted to each other. Says Tripp: "Stan has been so good to me, I wouldn't fight for anybody else. If you feel somebody can help you, you have to stay with him. An example of how good Stan treats me is my mouthpiece. He took me to a dentist—and had a custom-made mouthpiece fitted for me. It cost $65. A lot of other managers get their fighters an 89¢ piece of junk!"

Says Tischler: "Earl is the best fighter I've had so far in my thirty years of managing. We both feel he's going to be the world champion some day. He's got the determination, he's got the talent, and, most of all, he listens to what you tell him".

Tischler continued: "Earl reminds me of Joe Louis in the way he punches. And also

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Earl Tripp, Las Vegas heavyweight, and his manager, Stan Tischler. Tripp is trained by Cleveland "Champ" Zanders.

ROBERT RUCKER

Seventeen-year-old Robert Rucker is now 5-0 as a professional.

By ARTHUR REMBERT

Robert Rucker is a seventeen-year-old baby-faced youngster who also happens to be a professional prize fighter. Rucker's baby face can be deceiving, because, as innocent looking as he is, once you talk to him you'll realize that he is as brash and streetwise as any other teenager growing up on Harlem's Lenox Avenue. He knows where he's at and he knows where he wants to go. Robert's confidence in himself is reflected in his attitude in *and* out of the ring. In short, Rucker is good, and he knows that he's good. So good, in fact, that on the way to compiling an impressive 41-4 record as an amateur, the 132 lb. Rucker was once moved up from bantamweight to junior lightweight while competing in the National AAU Junior Olympic championships because he was so much better than the other youngsters competing in his weight class. When this didn't work, the tournament directors disqualified Rucker for being *too professional,* with the reason being that he could possibly hurt some of the other kids.

According to his trainer and co-manager, Billy Giles, Rucker, who is 5-0 as a professional, is now going to "Fisticuffs University" so that he can learn his trade because, at seventeen, he has plenty of time. At present, the university is located at Gleason's Gym, and some of Rucker's classmates are junior welterweight champ Wilfred Benitez, his brother Frankie, and junior lightweight contenders Cocoa Sanchez and Diablito Valdez, just to name a few. By Robert's own admission, he is a scientist in the ring and has little regard for today's fighters. As far as most of these guys are concerned, Rucker goes on, you know what they're going to do and that's exactly what they wind up doing. A scientist, however, is always coming up with something new to make whatever you're doing a lot easier. Robert will readily admit that their are a number of fine fighters now on the fistic scene, but the vast majority are simply too predictable.

Although Rucker maintains that he has absolutely no idol as far as boxing is concerned, he will, if pressed, admit that he does sort of lean toward the "oldtimers," like Sandy Saddler, Beau Jack, Ike Williams, and Kid Chocolate, because they went about their jobs like the true professionals they were. To say that Robert Rucker is precocious is an understatement when you consider that as far as his outside interests are concerned he tends to lean toward adult type recreation when he wants to relax. Although Pee Wee, as he is called by his friends, participates in all sports, his favorite is billiards. Not only that, but, as far as music is concerned, he likes the old boogie woogie music from the 50's and 60's. When these songs were recorded Rucker wasn't even thought of, let alone born. Robert says that he doesn't know why, but, "I dig old doo wops."

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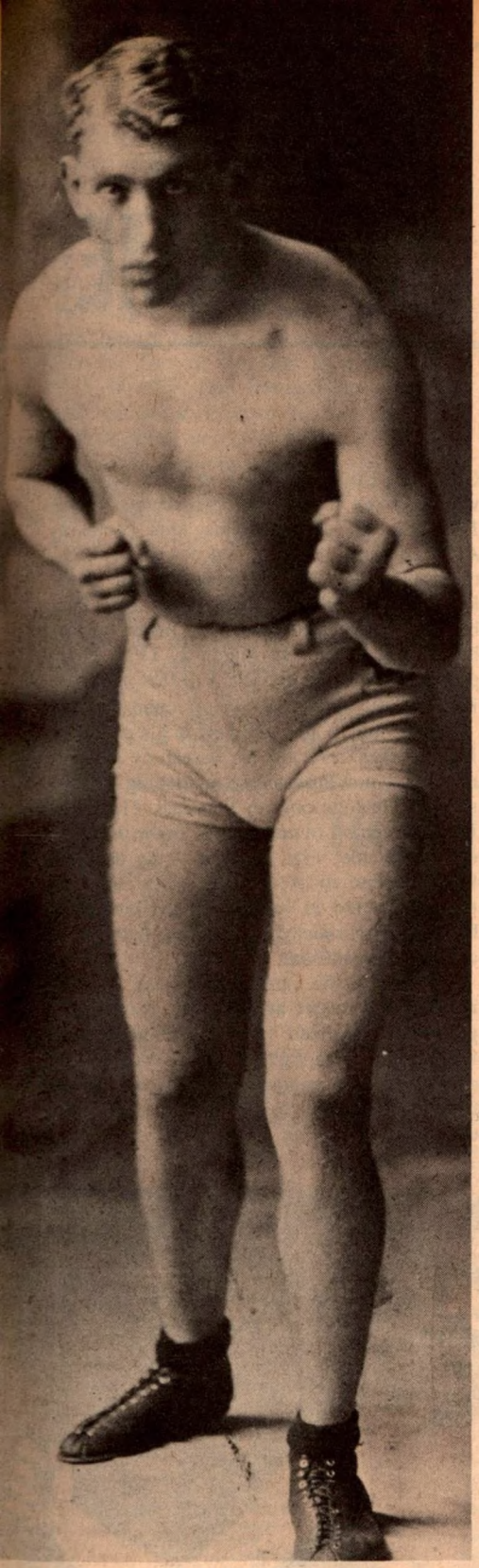

Former world light heavyweight champion Battling Levinsky, who engaged in over four hundred professional bouts from 1906 to 1929.

WILL THE REAL LEVINSKY PLEASE STAND UP?

By LOUIS ZIPKIN

CAN you imagine a fighter boxing three main events in three different cities all in one day?

Such a man was Battling Levinsky who held the light heavyweight title from 1916 until 1920. He defeated the great Jack Dillon in twelve rounds for the title at Boston, Mass. on Oct. 24, 1916 and lost it on Oct 12, 1920, being stopped in four rounds by George Carpentier. The bout took place in Jersey City and clinched a Dempsey title match for Carpentier which broke all preceding records for receipts. Levinsky was born Barney Lebrowitz in Philadelphia, Pa. on June 10, 1891. His parents were poor people who migrated here from Russia. Being a poor family in South Philly around the turn of the twentieth century was no picnic. Young Barney found himself shining shoes and selling newspapers to help the family survive. A visit to a gym when he was fourteen, watching some professionals in action, and Barney was hooked. He became a steady at the gym, shadow boxing, and copying the moves of some of Philadelphia's best boxers. (And there were many, as Philly was a hotbed for aspiring young pugilists.)

Without as much as a single amateur bout, Levinsky started to box as a professional at the tender age of fifteen, taking the name of Barney Williams so that his parents would not know that he was fighting. He fought countless, unrecorded bouts under that name. When the famous Dan Morgan took over his managerial reins, he changed his name to Battling Levinsky.

He was a very clever boxer with an uncanny ability to avoid getting hit with a solid blow.

Now to get back to the three fights in three different cities in one day—a record that will probably never be equalled!

On New Years day in 1915, he fought Barley Madden ten rounds in Brooklyn in a morning bout. In the afternoon, he boxed Soldier Kearns ten rounds in New York City. To complete the day, he went ten rounds with Gunboat Smith, a top heavyweight, at Waterbury, Conn. All were no decision bouts and all went the distance. Levinsky weighed 175 pounds and stood five feet eleven inches. Besides being clever, he was a rough, durable of the old school, fearing no one, regardless of size or weight, and thriving on activity. Fighting out of his class, he stepped into the ring with any heavyweight that would face him—men such as Tom Gibbons, Bill Brennan, Chuck Wiggins, Billy Miske, Carl Morris, Young Stribling, Jack Renault, Jim Flynn, Gene Tunney, and the immortal Mannasa Mauler himself, the great Jack Dempsey. He lost a twelve-round decision to Tunney, and was kayoed in three by Dempsey.

In his own division, he fought such great ones as Mike McTigue, Leo Houck, Zulu Kid, Jeff Clarke, and had six rousing wars with the great Harry Greb. One of the great rivalries of all time was between him and the Light Heavyweight Champion, Jack Dillon. They fought eleven times, twice for Dillon's title. Levinsky lost the first time in his try for the title, but came back to defeat his rival six months later to capture the title. And a fighting champion he was!

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APOSTOLI, WILLIAMS, MAHER, AND TAUB MAKE HALL OF FAME

By NAT LOUBET

The twenty-fifth poll of *The Ring* Magazine Boxing Hall of Fame has elected four new members, bringing the total in the Hall to 149.

There are three divisions in the Hall of Fame: The Pioneers, elected by the Board of Directors; The Oldtimers, composed of fighters active thirty-five or more years ago, elected by a special board of twenty experts with a minimum of fifteen votes necessary for election: and The Moderns section of The Hall, who are elected by a world-wide vote by television and radio sportscasters, newspapermen, and other experts connected with boxing. To be elected, a fighter must have been active within the last thirty-five years and be retired from boxing for two or more years. A fighter in this catagory to be elected must receive 75% or more of the total votes cast in The Modern category.

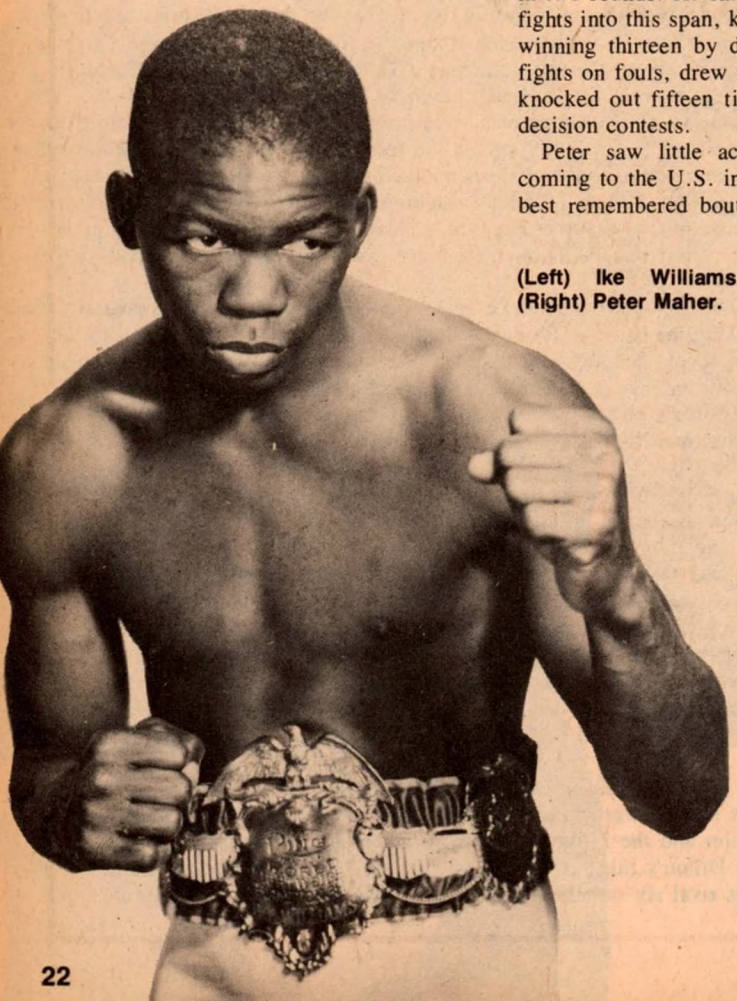
The "Board of Twenty" The Olderner's Committee of The Hall of Fame, elected one new member to the Hall for 1978. He is Peter Maher.

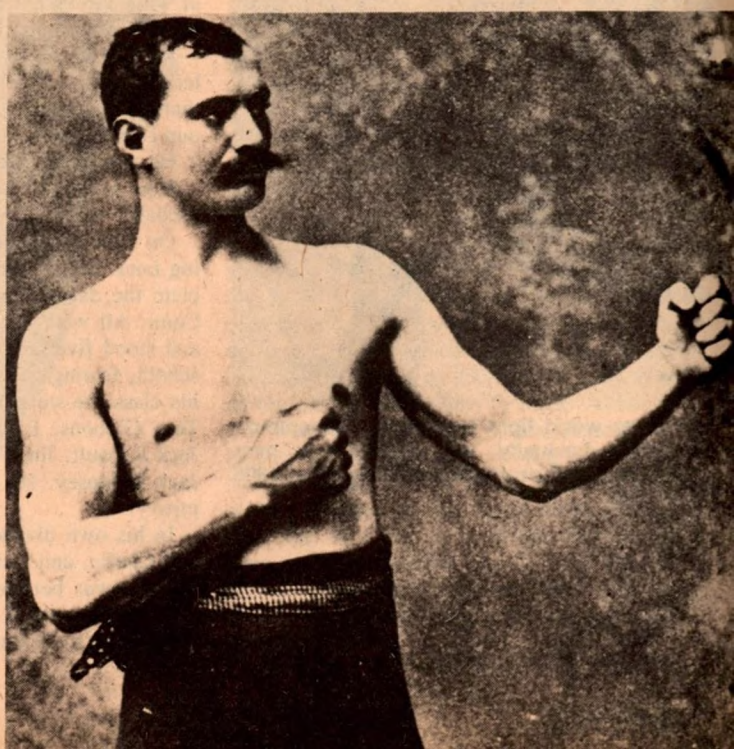
Maher was a 5'11¾" Irishman, born on March 16, 1869 in Galway, Ireland, who just missed out being born on St. Patrick's Day by minutes. A 190-pounder of the give and take it school, Peter started fighting back in 1888 and concluded his active career in 1908 after being knocked out in his last two bouts by Marvin Hart and Kid McCoy, both in two rounds. He sandwiched seventy-seven fights into this span, knocking out thirty-one, winning thirteen by decision, winning three fights on fouls, drew in five encounters, was knocked out fifteen times and fought ten no decision contests.

Peter saw little action in Dublin before coming to the U.S. in October of 1891. His best remembered bout there was, fought on Christmas Day, 1890, against Peter Jackson, who knocked him out in two rounds. From 1891 on, all of his fights took place in America, and, after a succession of U.S. triumphs, he was matched with Bob Fitzsimmons. He had three fights with Fitz before Fitz defeated James J. Corbett for the heavyweight title. On March 2, 1892, Peter picked up $1,000 to Fit's $10,000 and was knocked out by Bob in twelve rounds.

Maher lost to Joe Goddard in his next outing but then reversed his career by a series of wins that culminated in his getting another shot at Fitzsimmons on February 21, 1896. He was kayoed in one round. Eight days later, Maher met Fitz again in a no decision three-rounder in New York City. At this time he toured in vaudeville and continued his pugilistic endeavors, meeting better than average competition.

Maher was the darling of his era. He was not a world beater as a fighter. Rather, his popularity stemmed from his being one of the most exciting fighters of his era. He was also an Irish immigrant, a big handsome lad with a curly black mustache and a soporific sock.





(Left) Ike Williams. (Right) Peter Maher.

After his ring years were over, Maher worked as a bartender in Yonkers, New York, for Jack Skelly, a prominent featherweight of the period.

Peter Maher died in Baltimore, Maryland, on July 22, 1940.

The Board of Directors elected one new member to The Pioneer section of The Hall of Fame. The new entrant is the third member to be elected who was not a fighter. Following a Board decision to allow other than boxers into the Pioneer section, Nat Fleischer became the first such member in 1975. In 1977, Dan Daniel became the second newspaper man to be inducted, Sam Taub has been elected in 1978.

Taub, at ninety-two years of age is one of the best known and beloved figures in boxing. Sam, who is still an active member of *The Ring* staff, was born on New York's lower East side on September 10, 1886. He began his career as a stenographer for the New York *Morning Telegraph* and shortly became an assistant to the famous law officer and later sportswriter, Bat Masterson.

Sam went on to become a reporter, an editor and the first radio broadcaster to give blow-by-blow descriptions of fights. At one time he had a radio program, "The Hour of Champions," which played host to most of the top athletes from all the sports. The pioneer broadcaster was heard airing over 7,500 fights during his radio career and has become a legend in his time. He has received more boxing honors than any other living member of the boxing fraternity. He has been the recipient of several awards by The Boxing Writers Association, and his

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(Above, left) Sam Taub, shown broadcasting over N.B.C. in 1936, is only the third non-boxer elected to the Hall. (Above, right) Fred Apostoli was recognized as world middleweight champion by the New York State Athletic Commission after he defeated Glen Lee in Madison Square Garden on April 1, 1938.

BOXING'S HALL OF FAME

(Inaugurated 1954)

The Immortal 149

Elected by Modern Writers and Broadcasters

1954 Jack Dempsey
1954 Joe Louis
1954 Henry Armstrong
1955 Benny Leonard
1955 Gene Tunney
1955 Harry Greb
1955 Mickey Walker
1956 Tony Canzoneri
1956 Jimmy McLarnin
1956 Barney Ross
1957 Johnny Dundee
1958 Tony Zale
1959 Kid Chocolate
1959 Rocky Marciano
1960 Jack Britton
1961 Lew Tendler
1962 Billy Petrolle
1962 Marcel Cerdan
1963 Willie Pep
1964 Lou Ambers
1965 Billy Conn
1966 Archie Moore
1966 Kid Gavilan
1967 Ray Robinson
1968 Max Baer
1969 Carmen Basilio
1969 Jersey Joe Walcott
1970 Max Schmeling
1970 Ezzard Charles
1971 Rocky Graziano
1972 Maxie Rosenbloom
1972 Fritzie Zivic
1972 Beau Jack
1973 Gus Lesnevich
1973 Sammy Angott
1974 Dick Tiger
1974 Gene Fullmer
1975 Sixto Escobar
1975 Jackie Kid Berg
1975 Joey Maxim
1976 Floyd Patterson
1976 Chalky Wright
1976 Lew Jenkins
1977 Pascual Perez
1977 Ceferino Garcia
1977 Yoshio Shirai
1978 Fred Apostoli
1978 Ike Williams

Elected by Old-Timers Committee

1954 John L. Sullivan
1954 Jack McAuliffe
1954 Young Griffo
1954 Nonpareil Jack Dempsey
1954 James J. Corbett
1954 Bob Fitzsimmons
1954 Joe Gans
1954 Jack Johnson
1954 Stanley Ketchel
1954 James J. Jeffries
1955 Terry McGovern
1955 Joe Walcott
1955 Abe Attell
1955 Sam Langford
1956 George Dixon
1956 Jem Driscoll
1957 Kid McCoy
1957 Charley Mitchell
1957 Battling Nelson
1957 Packey McFarland
1957 Les Darcy
1958 Ad Wolgast
1958 Mike Gibbons
1958 Tommy Ryan
1959 Tom Sharkey
1959 Jack Dillon
1959 George Kid Lavigne
1959 Jimmy Wilde
1959 Pete Herman
1960 Joe Choynski
1960 Freddie Welsh
1960 Johnny Kilbane
1960 Tommy Burns
1961 Jack Root
1961 Pancho Villa
1962 Willie Ritchie
1963 Tom Gibbons
1964 Georges Carpentier
1964 Ted (Kid) Lewis
1965 Johnny Coulon
1965 Young Corbett II (Billy Rothwell)
1965 Owen Moran
1966 Battling Levinsky
1967 Joe Jeannette
1968 Philadelphia Jack O'Brien
1969 Leo Houck
1969 Jeff Smith
1970 Kid Williams
1970 Harry Wills
1971 Paul Berlenbach
1971 Tiger Flowers
1972 Billy Papke
1972 Fidel LaBarba
1973 Jack Delaney
1973 Frankie Genaro
1974 George K.O. Chaney
1974 Frank Klaus
1975 The Dixie Kid
1976 Jimmy Britt
1977 Jackie Fields
1977 Jess Willard
1978 Peter Maher

Pioneer Group—Elected by Directors

1954 James Figg
1954 Jack Broughton
1954 Tom Cribb
1954 Tom Hyer
1954 Daniel Mendoza
1954 Tom Sayers
1954 Gentleman John Jackson
1954 John C. Heenan
1954 Arthur Chambers
1954 John Morrissey
1954 Jem Mace
1955 William (Bendigo) Thompson
1956 Bill Richmond
1957 Peter Jackson
1958 Tom Molineaux
1959 John Gully
1960 Don Donnelly
1961 Tom Spring
1962 Ned Price
1963 Jem Ward
1964 Sam Collyer
1965 Jake Kilrain
1966 James (Deaf) Burke
1967 Barney (Young) Aaron
1968 Jacob Hyer
1969 Joe Goss
1970 Professor Mike Donovan
1971 Nobby Clark
1972 Tom Chandler
1973 Paddy Ryan
1974 Dick Curtis
1975 Nat Fleischer
1975 Young Dutch Sam
1976 Tom King
1977 Dan Daniel
1978 Sam Taub

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WORLD RATINGS

(AS OF FEBRUARY 25, 1979)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI* ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton, Pa.
2—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—LEON SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
4—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
5—OSSIE OCASIO ..... Puerto Rico
6—GERRIE COETZEE ..... South Africa
7—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
9—MIKE WEAVER† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—JOHN TATE ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—MIKE ROSSMAN* ..... Turnersville, N.J.
2—MATT FRANKLIN† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
4—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
5—MARVIN JOHNSON** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
6—MATE PARLOV ..... Yugoslavia
7—VICTOR GALINDEZ ..... Argentina
8—JAMES SCOTT ..... Rahway, N.J.
9—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
10—MARVIN CAMEL ..... Butte, Mont.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
3—MARCOS GERALDO ..... Mexico
4—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
5—TONY CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.
6—ALAN MINTER ..... England
7—RUDY ROBLES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—ELIJAH MAKHATINI ..... South Africa
9—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—ROCKY MOSLEY, JR.† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
5—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
6—MUSTAFA HAMSHO ..... Syria
7—CHARLIE WEIR ..... South Africa
8—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
9—MARIJAN BENES ..... Yugoslavia
10—GILBERT COHEN ..... France

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—RAY LEONARD ..... Palmer Park, Md.
3—CARLOS PALOMINO ..... Mexico
4—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
5—THOMAS HEARNS ..... Detroit, Mich.
6—DAVID GREEN ..... England
7—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
8—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
9—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington D.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
2—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
3—SANG-HYUN KIM** ..... South Korea
4—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN ..... Thailand
5—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
6—JOE KIMPAUANI ..... Zaire
7—ADOLPH VIRUET ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
8—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
9—ADRIAN "NANI" MARRERO ... Dominican Rep.
10—BRUCE CURRY ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
2—JOHNNY LIRA† ..... Chicago, Ill.
3—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
4—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
5—CLAUDE NOEL ..... Trinidad, W.I.
6—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
7—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
8—HERMAN MONTES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—JULIO VALDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—LENNOX BLACKMORE ..... Guyana

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
2—FRANKIE BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
4—NATALE VEZZOLI ..... Italy
5—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
7—ERNESTO ESPANA ..... Venezuela
8—GREG COVERSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
9—VICTOR ECHEGARAY ..... Argentina
10—NKOSANA MGXAJI ..... South Africa

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FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—EUSEBIA PEDROZA* ..... Panama
3—ROBERTO CASTANON ..... Spain
4—REUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
5—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
6—HECTOR CARRASQUILLA ..... Panama
7—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
8—JUAN MALVAREZ ..... Argentina
9—EDDIE NDUKWE ..... South Africa
10—RUBEN OLIVARES ..... Mexico

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—WILFREDO GOMEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
2—RICARDO CARDONA* ..... Colombia
3—SERGIO PALMA ..... Argentina
4—BABE JIMINEZ ..... Colombia
5—SOON YUN CHUNG ..... South Korea
6—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
7—NICKY PEREZ ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
8—JOSE CABA ..... Dominican Rep.
9—JAVIER FLORES ..... Salt Lake City, Utah
10—JUAN (KID) MEZA ..... Las Vegas, Nev.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
2—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
5—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
7—ENRIQUE SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
8—ALBERTO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—OSCAR MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—RICARDO BENNETT ..... Panama

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
2—BETULIO GONZALEZ* ..... Venezuela
3—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan
4—GUTY ESPADAS ..... Mexico
5—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
6—KIM SUNG-JUN ..... South Korea
7—NETRNOI VORASINGHI ..... Thailand
8—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
9—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England
10—TSUTOMU IQARASHI ..... Japan

SHOJI OGUMA
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Japan's Shoji Oguma, who battled WBA flyweight king Betulio Gonzalez to a fifteen-round draw in his bid to win the latter's award winner.

Runner-ups: WBA welter king Jose Cuevas, WBC junior lightweight king Alexis Arguello, world junior lightweight champion Samuel Serrano, and world flyweight champ Miguel Canto.

Denver's heavyweight Ron Lyle drops out of the top ten, inactive. Both Evangelista and Weaver move up one spot and John Tate, who "killed" Duane Bobick in one, is now number ten.

Light heavys: Yaqui Lopez's win over Junior Albers moves him from four to three. Inactive Conteh falls one spot, from three to four.

Rudy Robles' loss to Alan Minter drops him from four to seven in the middles, with both Colbert and Chiaverini, winners over Willie Baldwin and Joe Gonzalez, moving up to four and five. Bennie Briscoe, a loser to David Love, is now number ten, with both Ronnie Harris and Bobby Watts coming out, being replaced by Alan Minter, number six, and David Love, number 9.

Junior middleweight Mustafa Hamsho moves up from seven to six; win over Pat Murphy. Charlie Weir goes up to seven from nine; he defeated Kevin Finnegan. Inactive Wissenbach and Benes both fall in the ratings.

Only change in the welters: Randy Shields from ten to nine, a win over Jose Palacios. Gant drops from nine to ten.

Joe Kimpauani's win over Jimmy Rothwell moves him from eight to six. O'Grady's victory over Juan Garcia moves him from nine to eight. Marrero's loss to lightweight Lennox Blackmore drops him from six to nine.

Julio Valdez's defeat at the hands of Samuel Serrano in his bid for the world junior lightweight title drops him to nine from seven in the lightweight division. Watkins and Montes both move up a spot, to seven and eight. Viruet, inactive, drops out, and is replaced by Lennox Blackmore, Commonwealth lightweight king, who beat Nani Marrero. Lennox is now ten.

The junior lightweights: Alexis Arguello, who retained his WBC title

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CHAMPION *WBA **WBC †U.S.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Larry Alexander						
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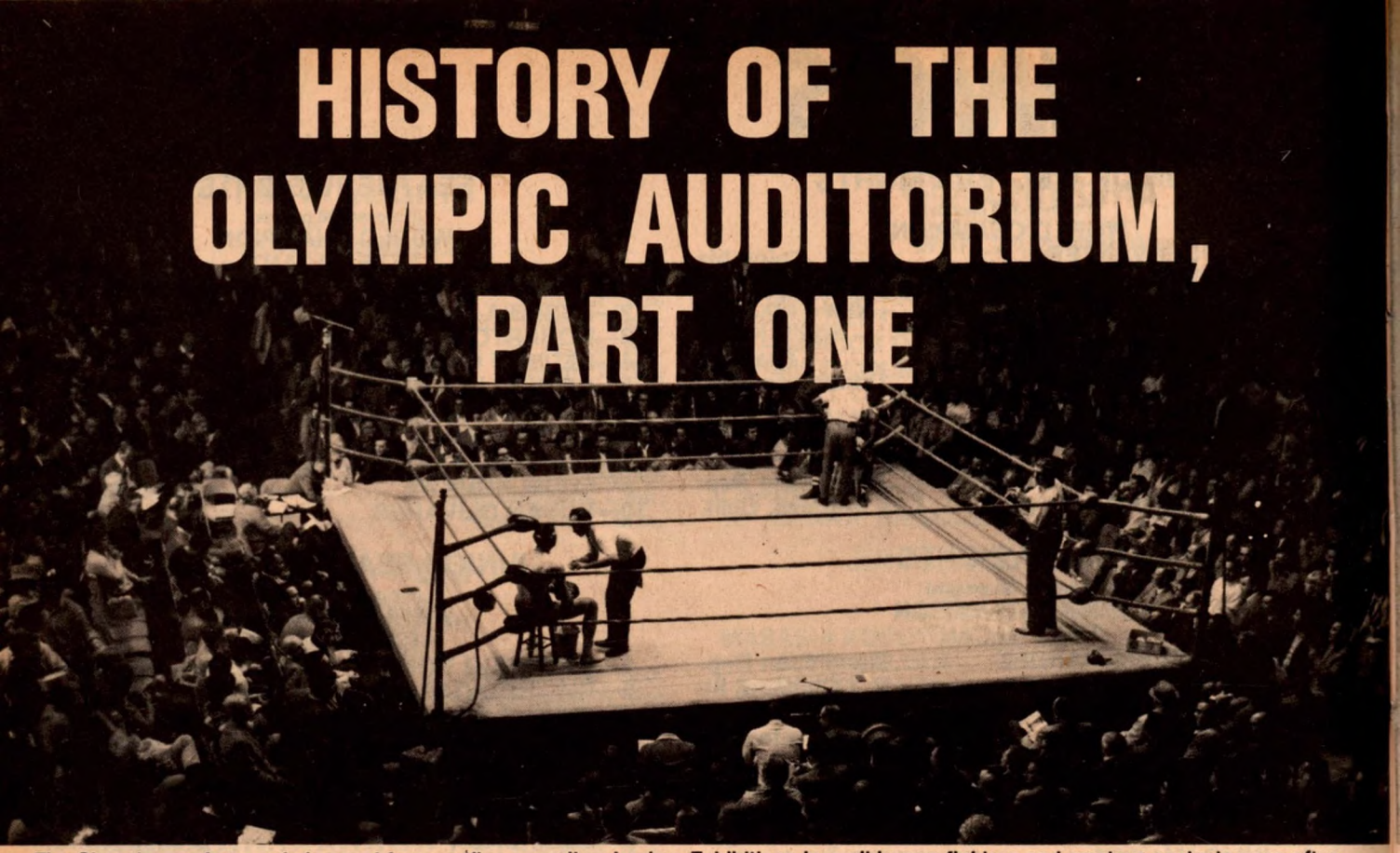
HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, PART ONE



The Olympic was frequently jammed for wrestling as well as boxing. Exhibitions by well known fighters and amateur contests were often big attractions.

By ROBERT MOSS

The red might be symbolic of the blood that has been spilled there. The green could well represent the truckloads of money it attracts.

Not so very long ago someone thought to paint the entire area of the base of the 53-year-old Olympic Auditorium in downtown Los Angeles. The shade chosen for the refurbishing job was an almost claret colored red. The ticket annex next door was also touched up. Green. Someone at the Olympic has a strange sense of humor.

Aside from the two coats of paint, the huge building at the corner of 18th and Grand looks much as it did in 1925. Constructed of unpainted reinforced white concrete it is visible for blocks around, standing rooted to its corner like one of the legions of punch-drunk fighters it has sheltered, stolidly weathering the assault of time. Like the embattled fighter about to step on to queer street it shows its vulnerability in small, eccentric ways: two rusting flagpoles with no flags, a long metal awning to protect ticket buyers at windows which have long been boarded up and painted over, a small almost wart-like chimney stuck to the corner of a roof where once there was an incinerator, and a bright yellow marquee that seems much too small and out of place in contrast to this hulk of a building.

The freeway on the south side of the Olympic long ago replaced the Pierce-Arrow automobile agency which used to be there and the long freeway ramp emphasizes the building's age.

On the marquee, dark lettering proclaims: Boxing Thursday, Wrestling Friday, Roller Games Saturday. But, though it shows Wrestling and Roller Games (once Roller Derby), a glance above the lettering at the Chairman Mau-size like portrait of a fighter in faded green trunks crouching three stories above Grand, shows where the old place's head has really always been at.

In fact, the history of the Olympic Auditorium and that of the sport of boxing in Los Angeles are inseparable.

Before 1978, it had been some time since a big fight card had been held at the Olympic. The big programs took place at the Forum in Inglewood or at the Sports Arena adjoining the Coliseum. Sometimes, when the names of the fighters were important enough to warrant it, the Coliseum itself, with its 100,000 plus seating capacity, had been utilized when the flow of spectators could not be contained anywhere else.

But on New Year's day, 1978, Los Angeles had two residents who were world boxing champions, Carlos Palomino, the welterweight king, and Danny Lopez, the featherweight title holder. So the Olympic's long-time promoter, Aileen Eaton, arranged a bout between Palomino and another local, Armando Muniz, like the champion, of Mexican-American ancestry. The fight was a success, so arrangements were made for what would be the biggest card in the city's history. Called the "Night of Champions," the program was headed by Palomino and Lopez in championship bouts and also included appearances by gold medal winners of the Montreal Olympics, as well as local boxers who had proved popular before local audiences in previous appearances. The card was carried on national TV by CBS. Movie stars were invited to attend. The program distributed at the event called the card "The Greatest Boxing Event in Fistic History". As things turned out, it was something less than that, but tickets were scaled downward from fifty dollars, more than for any previous card in the old building's history.

When the final receipts had been counted, the gross take came to just short of a half-million dollars, far more than had ever been taken in at the Olympic, a California record, and one of the largest gates ever for a program involving boxers below the heavyweight limit.

For Mrs. Eaton and those connected with the Olympic, its 52nd anniversary year had proved the most shining in its long existence.

THE OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, LOS ANGELES, FIRST OPENED ITS DOORS IN 1925. IT'S BEEN ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ARENAS IN BOXING HISTORY.

The Auditorium is located at the corner of Eighteenth and Grand. It looks much as it did in 1925.

The history of the Olympic is not so much a review of the building's storied background as a remembrance of names. Performers who went from obscurity to wealth and stardom and often back again as spectators watched and applauded and booed and then forgot, as their names were replaced by others as eminent as their had once been. Names measured in newsprint that bloomed into headlines, then too often reduced to agate print.

There was Henry Armstrong. Manuel Ortiz. Enrique Bolanos. Georgeous George. Golden Boy Art Aragon and Lauro Salas. Raul Rojas and Mando Ramos. Cassius Clay and Joe Frazier. Jerry Quarry. And Carlos Palomino and Danny Lopez who are presently the center of attention of the fickle eyes and allegiance of the crowd.

And running like a string throughout most of its history the names of the persons behind the scenes, the participants and the crowds. The persons who make the spectacles possible like Cal and Aileen Eaton, Luis Magana, Jack Smith and Jimmy Lennon. It's been quite a fifty-three years.

The building was opened in 1925 but it was always called the Olympic Auditorium. Probably because it was fairly certain that the 1932 Olympic Games would be held in Los Angeles and the new building would certainly house the international boxing and wrestling competition.

"In 1925," remembers Al Santoro, the former sportswriter of the old *Examiner* and now an Olympic publicist, "People thought that the town of Los Angeles would expand to the south, not to the north as it has. That's why the Olympic was built here". Here was and still is 18th and Grand, which isn't so grand anymore. But 1925 was another time. A time when the consumption of alcoholic beverages was illegal. The nation had recovered and was forgetting about the most destructive and wide spread war in the history of the world and, with spirits high and outlook bright, were unaware that we were racing toward an even more terrible one. Seldom-spoken Calvin Coolidge was the caretaker president of the country, the latest heir of a Republican Party reign which had been interrupted only twice in sixty-five years and which would last another seven before the Democrats became the dominant party. Women's skirts were higher than at any time in the nation's history and some said that morals were looser, too.

In sports, this was the golden time. The names of Ruth, Cobb, Johnson, Dempsey, Red Grange, Bobby Jones, Gertrude Ederle and countless others who have become dim legend were as current as the daily newspapers they dominated.

And so the Olympic was born.

There had been fights in Los Angeles before the Olympic was built. Jack Johnson, Tommy Burns, Jess Willard, and James J. Jeffries had all fought here. In 1925, the sport's center was in the stadium errected at the corners of Vernon and Central. But the Olympic was to be something special. It was to be not only for the viewing of fights but a place where teams like USC could play basketball. It would even be appropriate for conventions and opera, a structure to rival New York's fabled Madison Square Garden itself, then considered one of the wonders of the world. It was erected on land owned by the Los Angeles Athletic Club, part of which was the property of St. Vincent's College, later to become Loyola University in Playa Del Rey.

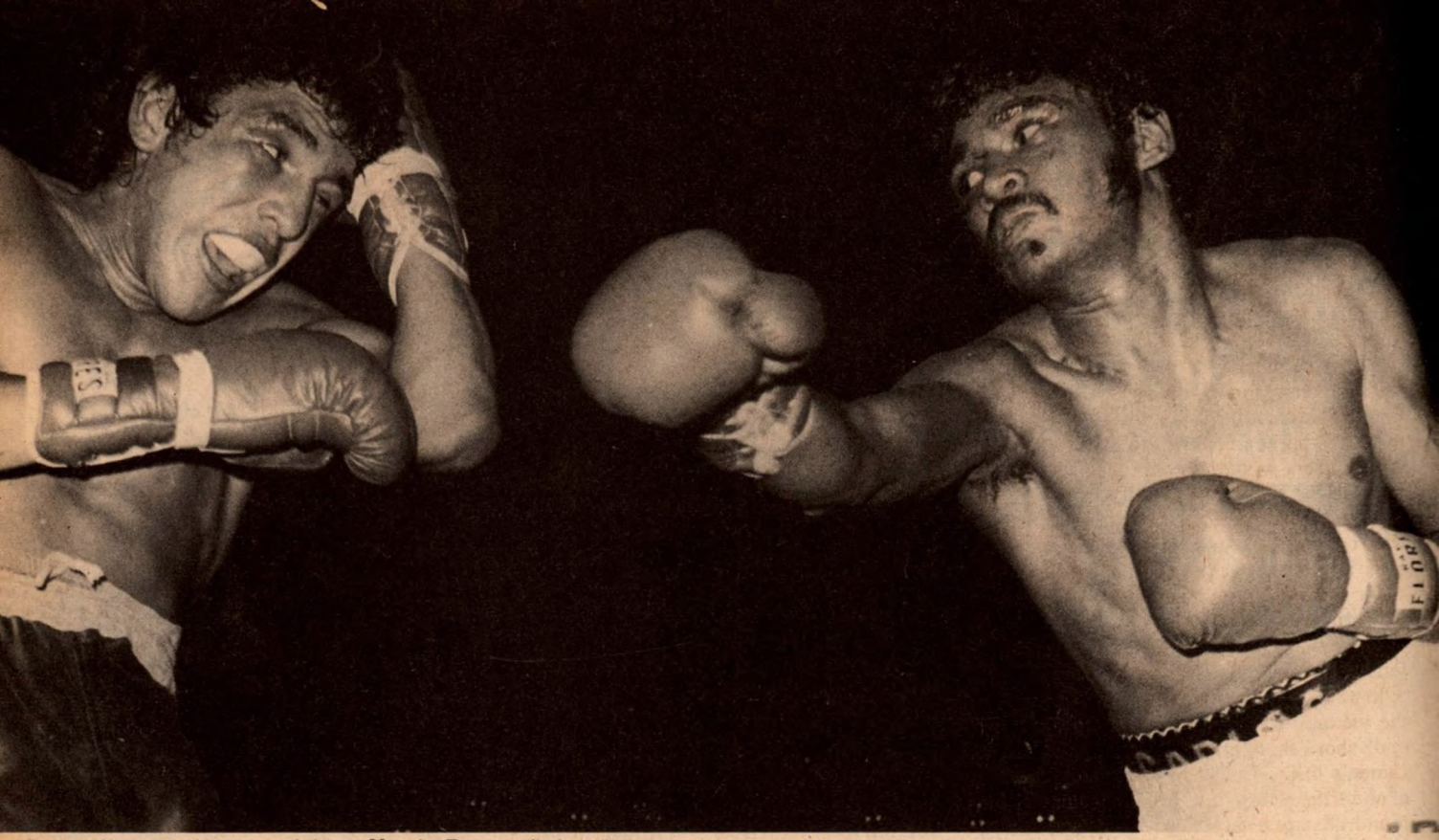
The ground breaking ceremonies were presided over by Dempsey himself. He turned the first shovelful of dirt. When architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood's vision became reality, it was 165 feet by 240 feet, styled in Italina Renaissance. Its cost was said to be in excess of $500,000. Given present day inflation, the figure would be closer to five million. "Great" blow fans and in-take pipes were installed, equipped to change the air every eight minutes. Air-conditioning did not exist in 1925.

At noon of August fifth, dedication ceremonies began. That night, at the grand opening, all 10,400 seats were filled.

A newspaperman of the day wrote: "The auditorium blazed with glory on its opening night. The lights of many electric lights surpassed only by the sparkling jewels that adorned the persons of some of our well known citizens and citizenesses. Hollywood and the motion picture colony slipped into their tuxedos and formal apparel and blessed the ringside with their presence".

And what were they present for? A fight card naturally—all six-rounders since, in 1925, for some reason, it was illegal in the city for fights to be scheduled for over that distance.

Many great fighters appeared during the following years. From



Ruben Navarro throws a right at Mando Ramos during their great ten-round bout at the Olympic on September 30, 1971. Ramos won decision.

the start, Mexican boxers were a great attraction, and when they were matched with those of Philippines ancestry, the action was heated and the building packed. Ironically, Mexico's first world champion was a black man who had been born in Durango, Chalky Wright. He won the world's featherweight championship in 1941.

In 1942, Cal Eaton became the Olympic's promoter. His wife to be, Aileen LeBell, was there as business manager. Some members of the Olympic hierarchy were not happy working with a female on an executive level. Said Babe McCoy, then Olympic matchmaker, "Cal—get rid of the red-head. I don't work with women!" To which Eaton is said to have replied, "I can't. Aileen comes with the lease".

But McCoy learned to work with the red head. He stayed on until 1957, when George Parnasus took over the matchmaking chore. In 1942, the Olympic already had an interesting history. As expected, the Olympic Games were held in L.A. in 1932 and the boxing and wrestling competition proved to be one of its highlights. Winning the gold medal in heavyweight boxing was Alberto Lovell of Argentina. Forty years later, his son, Pedro, would be a main-eventer in the same ring.

Little was spared in the Olympic's early years to bring the best performers possible into its confines. Sometimes the programs proved so attractive that the movie stars who frequented the Hollywood Legion Stadium on fight nights went across town to the Olympic.

One of the biggest headliners of all was Henry Armstrong, who eventually won three world titles and managed for a time to hold them simultaneously. But in the middle thirties he was seen at the Olympic fighting preliminaries. When the Eatons took over, Armstrong was no longer a champion. However, his exploits were remembered and he was a very big name. Legend has it that Aileen, though she worked at the arena, had never seen a fight. But Armstrong was so exciting that, when the main event went on, she raced toward ringside to see him. But before she got there, he had already disposed of his opponent.

In the next few years, many others joined the Olympic ranks who would remain there for a long time. In 1943, both Luis Magana and Jack Smith began working there. Magana was, and still is employed as the Olympic's Spanish speaking publicity man. When just a little boy, his father had taken him to the Olympic opening. Later, as a writer for a Los Angeles based Spanish language newspaper, he had covered the 1932 Games.

Smith was employed as the Olympic's timekeeper until his death a few years ago.

With the post-war interest in televised wrestling matches, the Olympic was right in step with the trend. They began weekly shows in 1945. Two years later, Jimmy Lennon was hired, a man who today is probably, with the exception of Aileen Eaton, identified more closely with the Olympic than any other by your average fan in the stands, as a wrestling announcer. Not long afterward, boxing was added to his itinerary. Today he is still at it, an elegantly dressed, suave master of ceremonies is at home in the center of the ring as the participants he introduces.

Other names were becoming associated with the Olympic. California born Manuel Ortiz had won the world bantamweight title. In 1944, he made four defenses of his crown at the Olympic for a total gross of $85,500. Not much of a sum by today's standards, but plenty impressive in 1944. Two years earlier, the Eatons' half-year gross (they had begun operation in July 21, 1942) came to $56,432.28 at a time when tickets to sit in the lower balcony cost twenty-five cents. That price would soon rise, and, before too long, the Eatons' would gross more than that for a single fight card.

The trick was to find a fighter who would draw crowds larger than could be accommmodated at the Olympic. The old Hollywood Stars and L.A. Angels baseball teams were very much in business and their ball parks served nicely as spots where big championship fights could be held. The larger of these two stadiums was the Angels' Wrigley Field, which could hold something over twenty thousand spectators. Joe Louis had defended his championship there in 1939 and so would Floyd Patterson in 1958, the first year of the Dodgers and one of the last for Wrigley Field.

When the Olympic began wrestling, in 1945, Cal Eaton decided to concentrate entirely on the grunt and groaners, leaving Aileen in charge of boxing. A year later, the

Olympic became more than just the building on 18th street with the promotion of another local idol, Enrique Bolanos, challenging for the lightweight championship against Ike Williams in Wrigley Field. The champion knocked Bolanos out in the eighth round of a good fight. So good, in fact, that two more matches were arranged in 1948 and 1949, Bolanos losing each time, once by decision and then by knockout. But a breakthrough had been made, and even more exciting things were in store for Los Angeles and the Olympic.

In the summer of '44, while allied troops were landing on the beaches of Normandy, Lauro Salas and Art Aragon were beginning their boxing careers. Before each retired, their careers would become land marks, one because he brought the city another long sought world title and the other because he was one of the most electric attractions to ever appear before Los Angeles audiences. Their careers progressed nicely, and, by 1948, it was obvious that both would be big someday. Possibly, if such a thing could be imagined, as big as Gorgeous George.

In the ring, in March, 1972, Aragon was the victor, thereby setting him up for a second shot at lightweight champion Jimmy Carter's title. He had beaten Carter once, in a non-title scrap, but lost over the fifteen-round championship course. Art was told he had two weeks to prepare for his second chance. He decided he couldn't get ready on such short notice. So Salas was given the shot. On April 1, he lost a tough decision to the champion, but was so impressive that another match was quickly arranged, and, six weeks, later, as a heavy underdog, the little Mexican made a huge crowd at the Olympic delirious, when, after fifteen tough rounds, he was declared the winner. The town had the world champion it had been waiting for since Ortiz. Unfortunately, this proved the peak of Salas' career. He celebrated the triumph a little too long with a little too much intensity. Carter, despite being so heavily favored, had still taken the precaution of inserting a return bout clause in his contract with Salas. When they met for the third time, in 1952, away from friendly Olympic fans and officials in a ring in Chicago, Carter won an easy decision. Salas' career plummeted, and in 1961, in Kingston, Jamaica, after he had been knocked out for the second consecutive time, he announced his retirement.

Aragon never won a championship. In fact, the fight with Carter was the only shot he got during his long career. But he made a million dollars in the ring and if you believe the legend that grew up about him, that's something he appreciates even more than the world championship.

Sometime around 1950, Aragon became a big attraction. A writer wrote "The coffers will really flow with gold tonight with Art Aragon fighting". Before the fight, William Holden, who played the original Golden Boy in his screen debut in 1939, and an avid boxing fan, is said to have presented Aragon

Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez shoots a right to the jaw of Hedgemon Lewis. These top welterweights engaged in a three-bout series during 1968-69. Lopez stopped Lewis twice, while Hedgemon took the other fight by a decision.

with the gold trunks and robe which became his trademark. "Did William Holden give you the trunks and robe?", Aragon is asked. "That's what they say," replies Aragon. But whoever gave him the golden threads, it created a sensation. Nowadays boxers, largely because of coverage on color TV, usually go to work wearing brightly colored trunks, but early fifties TV was black and white and that's what fighters wore. Plain satin trunks, one pair white and black trim and the other exactly the opposite. A large part of the crowd reaction to Aragon's sartorial splendor was predictable. He was booed. Already somewhat cocky, the gold outfit only increased the public desire that he lose. Which, to their delight, he sometimes did. Aragon, who is quite bright, realized that for a boxer to be hated with intensity might be more valuable than to be loved, something the wrestling format has proved to be true. He also feels that his twin knockout defeats of the fans' long-time idol, Bolanos, had something to do with it.

But in 1951, at the peak of his career at age twenty-four, he beat Carter and the crowd reaction was something he was not prepared for:

"The most indelible memory I have is the night I beat a great fighter, Jimmy Carter. After my hand was raised I cried. And looking around me at ringside I saw, to my amazement, the fans were crying too. They were happy for me. There was no booing Art Aragon that night".

"Then the next time I fought at the Olympic, I came down the aisle and the fans were booing as loud as ever".

Aragon, who is divorced and a bail-bondsman in the San Fernando Valley (his motto is pure Aragon—"We'll get you out if it takes ten years") fought several more big money fights, including a victory over Carter in 1956 after the then ex-champ had beaten Salas, and a gruelling loss to the former middleweight champion, Carmen Basilio, in which he was stopped for only the second time in his sixteen-year career.

The fight with Basilio was one of the last in Wrigley Field. A year earlier, the Eatons had inaugerated the really big late fifties ball park era with a card that featured Raton Macias, a Mexican national with heavy support south of the border. It was apparent that when one of their favorites travelled north of the border, the Mexican fans would follow in droves, pesos in hand.

In 1958, on April 1st, with the attraction being Pajarito Moreno, a hard punching featherweight, the Nationals stood in line for tickets in the pouring rain. Most had only a 24-hour pass to stay in the country. When their favorite's time in the ring also proved to be short lived, a writer of the time was quick to note the fight had taken place on April Fool's Day. Receipts for the fight were a whopping $215,048. And for the Nationals, help was on the way for the next National to reach the big time, Jose Becerra, would make his fans' long trek worth while.

In the same year, Floyd Patterson, under the auspices of a rival promoter, came to L.A. to fight an unbeaten rival on August 15. The Eatons, on the other hand, had Aragon/Basilio under their wing, scheduled for Sept. 5th. So Mrs. Eaton made a friendly bet with the other promoter that her attraction would outdraw the Patterson fight. The wager was for $5,000, which the loser was to give to the City of Hope. Some years before, Mrs. Eaton had inaugerated a policy in which the proceeds each year for one entire card would be given to charity. The yearly program was called "The Fight for Lives."

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

During the horrible weather we had around New York, when it was impossible to get to *The Ring* office, we had plenty of time to recall some of the highlight in our career. This was after our newspaper work was finished with *The Morning Telegraph*, twenty years of beautiful memories, where we worked as secretary to Editor and Publisher William E. Lewis, handled the famous W.B. (Bat) Masterson's memorable fistic stories and started out as a stenographer with advertising manager Herbert A. Hallett.

In our heyday we recall many scoops we sent into the Telegraph that still stand out. Like the night Benny Leonard, Harlem's great lightweight, knocked out Joe Mandot, of Memphis, in six rounds and we wired in our story to the office. The story ran to the effect that the logical successor to the great Freddie Welsh, the Welshman, was in our midst. We saw our prophecy come to pass when Benny scored a nine round TKO over Freddie at the Manhattan Casino, across the street from the Polo Grounds, the home of the New York Giants.

We also recall the prophecy we made when we interviewed Ray Robinson on Station WNBT, now WNBC, a fifteen minute affair, with Manager George Gainford also on the show. That was before Ray was called "Sugar Ray." Our prediction was that Robinson, no matter what class he fought in, would become champion. He did better than that. He won the welter and later the middleweight crown and became one of our outstanding performers.

We started out to talk about another facet connected with boxing of which we are proud of. That was doing publicity work. We once got a call from Doe Kearns and Andy Neiderreiter, telling us to pack our duds and come to Toronto where Archie Moore had an engagement with James J. Parker, former Canuck at the time living in New Jersey and managed by Bill Daley. We also enjoyed being the P.R. man when Archie Moore met Rocky Marciano at North Adams, Mass. Harry Markson put us to work at the camp with the head man there at the time.

But those were the forerunners of the many jobs we had as public relations men and we loved them all. Especially when we were with Floyd Patterson, youngest man to become heavyweight king, when he knocked off Archie Moore, for whom we did the same work years before, in Chicago. With Patterson, through Pal Cus D'Amato, we were affiliated with the Patterson entourage for quite a while, being the camp man before and after he became the youngest man ever to hold the crown. They included sessions when Floyd was booked with Moore, Tommy Jackson, Roy Harris, Pete Rademacher, the trio of scraps with Ingemar Johansson, when he lost and became the first heavyweight king to be champion twice, Tommy McNeeley, and the two losing fights he had with Sonny Liston.

We were with Sugar Ray Robinson for a number of his settos, the most notable being the one at the Yankee Stadium with Joey Maxim, the then lightheavyweight boss, when there was plenty of swooning from the heat wave. "Sugar" Ray, who had held the welter and middleweight titles, started well and was ahead for awhile but finally wilted under the terrific heat and finally was unable to come out for the fourteenth round.

From there we got a call to come to Summit, N.J. where Kid Gavilan was putting in his final touches in defense of his welterweight crown against the newcomer from the City of Brotherly in holding his diadem. That was a Herman Taylor promotion in Shibe Park, Philadelphia.

There were many big fights in which we worked as a public relations man and once in a non-title fight for the middleweight crown when our good friend, Harry Stickevers, hired me to help with the publicity chores, from the radio standpoint, for the fight for the 160-pound crown between his entry, Paddy Young, and the hard-hitting Bobo Olson, who was a belter of the first order.

When you are associated with the manly art of Self Defense for as many years as I did you have to have wonderful memories. We remember the coming to New York of the swashbuckling Tex Rickard, to the Garden, to the man who helped Tex when he first came here, genial Mike Jacobs, to be followed by Jim Norris, who promoted in the Windy City with his brother before becoming head man in the Garden, and through the time Harry Narkson was the man in charge of the fistic bureau, and Sonny Werblin now the head man, with Gil Clancy handling the fistic assignment, succeeding Teddy Brenner.

These are only a few of the memories we have. We recall when they tried to bring in a ringer, the late Joe Jeannette, to face the young Westerner, Jack Dempsey, who had a tryst to do an exhibition stint with Joe Bonns in the old Garden; Jack Kearns, Dempsey's mentor, who succeeded John Reisler, got into a free-for-all with two New York managers, Dumb Dan Morgan, manager of champions and other good performers, and Dan McKettrick, who at the time was managing Jeanette, who was from Hoboken.

We even acted as a referee for Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey when the retired heavyweight king appeared at the Loew's State Theatre to do an exhibition as Jeff began his trainig tour that led to his losing the only fight of his career when Promoter Tex Rickard called a halt of their title match in Reno, when Jack Johnson, then champion, foiled his effort to regain the heavyweight crown.

Which reminds us that our pal, Nat Fleischer, handled many referee jobs in his colorful career. The only other newspaper man we know who ever tried his luck did so not as an arbiter but as a fighter. That was Paul Gallico, sports editor of the *New York Daily News*. He found out the hard way what it meant to be hit by a belter—the one and only "Manassa Mauler."

One story we like to pass on. When Jimmy Bivins, the Cleveland heavyweight, was to meet Bob Pastor, the Jimmy Johnston heavyweight in the Cleveland Arena, Bivins was going great. The manager of the winner was going to be introduced from ringside. Jack Hurley was Jimmys mentor. "What will I say when you call me to talk," Hurley asked us. I said you'll know what to say. Pastor won and Hurley didn't have to worry about doing any talking. It was a big upset, as Bivins was the favorite.

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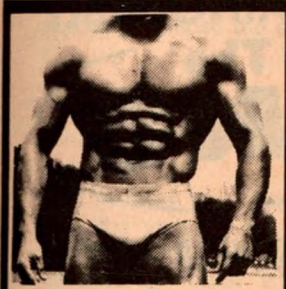

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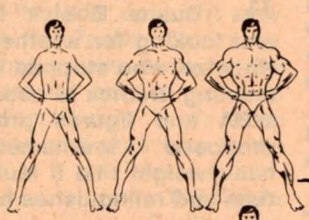

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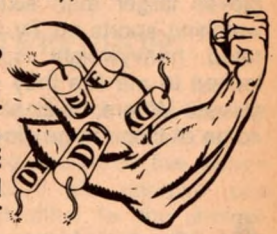

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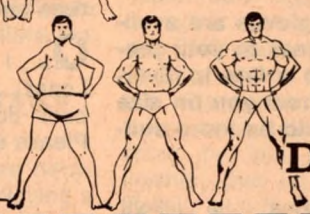

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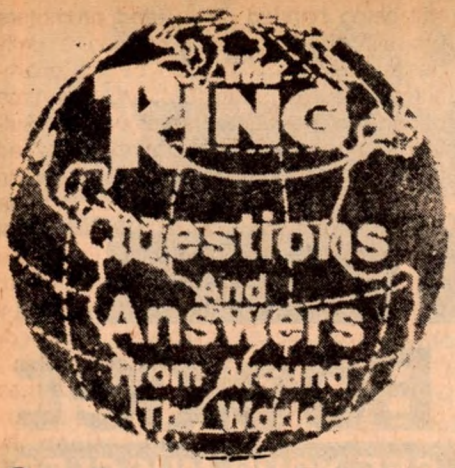

Q. A Swedish paper had a sports quiz recently. Among other things they asked what "Suzy Q." is/was. The answer, according to the paper, was Rocky Marciano's furious right hand wallop. I've read boxing magazines since the eraly 60s, but never did I see the "Suzy Q" mentioned. Is it that common?

Sue Sintring
Sweden

A. I never heard the expression "Suzy Q" in relation to Marciano's right hand wallop. His left hook was the most devastating weapon in his arsenal of punches.

Q. When I spar, I use sixteen-ounce gloves and they're like rocks. I used several brands of sixteen-ouncers, but they seem too small. I don't know if they make gloves larger than sixteen ounces. But watching sports on TV I saw the second rated heavyweight spar and it sure looked to me like they were using larger gloves. Where, if at all, can I purchase some of these large gloves?

Dan Wyant
Sioux City, Iowa

A. I'm sure larger gloves are available. I suggest you speak to your present supplier, or drop a line to Everlast and they could direct you on size and weight which would be more suitable.

Q. Is Tom Bethea, a light heavyweight out of New York, still boxing?

Bill Lynn
New York, N.Y.

A. Bethea is still in the game but not with any great success. He lost three bouts this year; he also lost three last year. His last win was in 1976, when he decisioned Billy Douglas in ten rounds.

Q. I have followed Muhammas Ali's career and believe he has done a lot for boxing during his reign as heavyweight champion. My question is: Will the sport lose its popularity and fall back into the doldrums if and when Ali decides to retire?

Tom Brent
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Boxing as a sport has survived through many lean days and many lush days of popularity. But there always seems to be a dynamic performer which attracts the fans. Ali would be a loss, but his absence will not hurt the sport. At present, there are many youngsters waiting in the wings for a big chance at the top in all divisions. It will survive—with or without Ali.

Q. What is the overall record of Dennis Moyer, the Portland, Oregon middleweight?

James Lane
New York City, N.Y.

A. Dennis Moyer's record shows he has not fought since 1975 when he lost two decisions in a row. In 140 bouts, Moyer won 73 by decision, won 25 by kayo and fought four draws. He lost 30 by decision, was stopped seven times and fought in one no decision bout.

Q. How about the heavyweight, Duane Bobick? Has he retired or is he still fighting.

James Mason
Philadelphia, Pa.

A. Duane Bobick is still around and looking for another shot at Kallie Knoetze, who stopped him in their last meeting. Bobick is ranked sixth by the WBA and figures prominently in a proposed tournament for the heavyweight title if Muhammad Ali retires and relinquishes his crown.

Q. I have a bet that Tony Lopes (or Lopez) a Brockton, Mass. welterweight, beat Jose Rivers twice during 1977. Please settle this issue.

A. James
Boston, Mass.

A. You win. Lopes beat Rivera twice. First on March 23/77 by a ten-round decision and the second fight, held in Fitchburg, Mass., was the second time he beat him via ten-round decision on April 23/77.

Q. Did Sugar Ray Robinson, former middleweight champion, ever fight in the light heavyweight division?

James Duff
Mineola, N.Y.

A. He sure did. He fought Joey Maxim for the title at Yankee Stadium on June 25, 1952. That was the night referee Ruby Goldstein was overcome by the heat—107 degrees in the ring—and had to be replaced in the twelfth round by Ray Miller. In the fourteenth round, Robinson collapsed from the heat and had to retire although he was far ahead on points in the light heavy title match.

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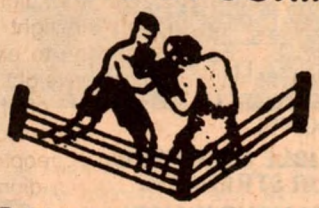

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LAUDS JACKSON ACTION

I think Rev. Jackson did right in trying to stop Kallie Knoetze from fighting Bill Sharkey, even though the fight did take place. I can see no reason to encourage a man seeking the heavyweight championship who has past history of shooting a young boy as was reported about Knoetze. We have enough people in boxing today which lack human dignity. Why start to import guys with unsavory records to contend for the right to the heavyweight championship? Its time someone policed the sport.

James Weaver
Syracuse, N.Y.

APPEAL FOR KNOETZE

In reading your editorial (As I See It) over the years, I have found you to always be a fair and just person. You have consistently made your points of view and come to what I deem decisions. Because of this, I appeal to you to please use your authority and good office and help Kallie Knoetze obtain justice in the United States. Knoetze is a good fighter and a clean living person. I think he is truly a credit to boxing. It's hard for me to believe that our country could treat this upstanding guy in such a shabby manner. Please do whatever you can to rectify this sorry situation. I know you'll do the right thing.

Ernest Collado, Jr.
New York, N.Y.

LIKES THE WELTERS

The welterweight division is fast becoming that most exciting, explosive class in boxing. While most divisions have fighters who box basically alike, the welterweight class has a large variety of all types of fighters. It has the boxers (Acevedo, Weston, Mamby); the punchers (Cuevas, Ranzani, Gray, Green) and the combination big punchers/smooth boxers (Benitez, Palamino, Hearns Leonard). If some of these fighters meet, 1979 could be a great year for boxing.

Patrick M. Browne
Chicago, Ill

WANTS ALI-KNOETZE

It was very wrong for Ali to have lost his title because of politics. And it is just as wrong for Kallie Knoetze to be barred from a title shot because of politics. Ali can box exhibitions in Communist Russia and Cuba, but because Knoetze is white and from South Africa, he will never get a title shot. This is the chance for Ali to prove that he is truly the greatest and not a racist, by fighting Knoetze.

Frank Burrows
Hampton, Va.

DEPLORES POLITICS IN BOXING

If Rev. Jackson would keep to preaching instead of politics, we wouldn't have as much dissention in the country as we now have. How can one man intimidate our State Dept. like he does? I am refering to the Knoetze-Sharkey fight. If he is in the boycotting business, why doesn't he boycott Ron Lyle who is alleged to have killed two men, or James Scott of Rahway Prison, or Leon Spinks, who was arrested several times for dope and reckless driving, or for Teofilio Stevenson, whose country has missiles aimed at our back door? Does he have a vendetta against white people only? Let's keep fighting in the ring and preaching in the church.

Bill Grove
Carlisle, Pa.

RAPS PETTY DEBATES

I can't help but feel that we are denying ourselves the privelege of enjoying a sport simply because we are so wrapped up in petty debates. I'm speaking about the so-called issue of who is the greatest. I'm sick and tired of listening to people who feel they have conclusive proof that their choice would certainly have destroyed any heavyweight champion. Apparently these 'experts' have the ability to predict an historical occurrence which certainly will never take place. I think that we, as boxing fans, have a bigger responsibility to a sport which has survived the test of time. Boxing is a far from perfect sport. People are still killed and injured in the ring, terrible decisions are still being handed down, and promoters are still cheating the public on a daily basis. I believe that each boxing champion was the greatest during the time period that he reigned as champion. Suffice it to say that each champion earned the right to be remembered as a person that risked everything to become the one thing that many of us dreamed of becoming—a champion. It's time we begin the discuss issues that can lead to the improvement of the sport that many of us love. The establishment of a Federal Boxing Commission would certainly prove that the interest of boxers and their fans are being considered and protected.

David Bunsingo, Jr.
Albany, N.Y.

JOHNSON UNFAIR?

I read an article in the *Indianapolis News* that WBC light heavyweight champion, Marvin Johnson, had been on a federal public job payroll for twelve months while earning more than $45,000 in the ring. The article said that Johnson was being paid $240.00 biweekly under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act for his job as a counselor for the Indianopolis Police Athletic League Club. One of the conditions applying for the job is that a person applying must be unemployed at least one month. It seems unfair to me that a man holding the light heavyweight title should take a job with CETA.

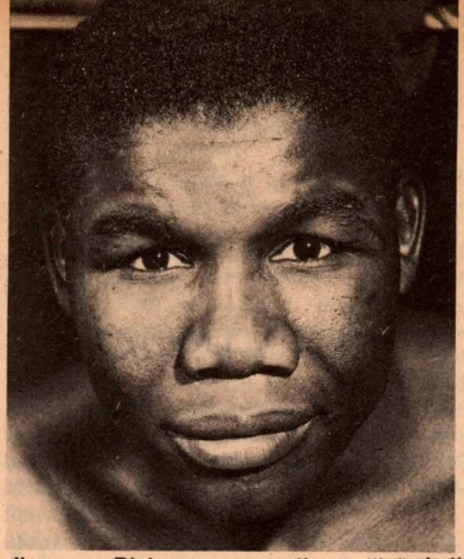
James Smith
Indianapolis, Ind.

ALI-STEVENSON

As to Nat Loubet frowning on Cassius Clay-Teofilo Stevenson exhibitions, I don't believe there should be five exhibitions either. But I do approve one fifteen-round fight either for the championship or a no-decision affair, with a KO or a TKO causing a victory on the record. The ingredients for the fight are superalitive. Stevenson has easily the best KO punch since Louis or Liston. And Louis is rated by Nat Fleischer as the best finisher, that is, KO artist, of all time. Teofilo, at 6-5, 230 pounds, easily hits as hard. Whereas Clay (Muhammad Ali) can take a punch as good as never-beaten Marciano or never-floored Chuvalo. And, Clay, now slowed down, used to be the most intelligent boxer and one of the two fastest heavyweights of all times. So, I'm all for a fifteen-rounder, where a deciding KO or TKO could take place. After all, Stevenson trains three times a day and could easily go 15 rounds. It could be the most exciting, dramatic fight of all times with two of the biggest and best participants.

Cyril Kolocotronis
Ft. Steilacoom, Wash.

Lou Nova scored two TKO wins over Max Baer. He fought Joe Louis for the title, but was stopped in the sixth round. He became a night club comic.



Jimmy Bivins was the "interim" heavyweight champion during 1943-44. He beat eight different world champs at one time or another.

Buddy Baer kayoed Abe Simon and Tony Galento. He fought Louis for the title twice, losing on a disqualification the first time and being kayoed in the first.

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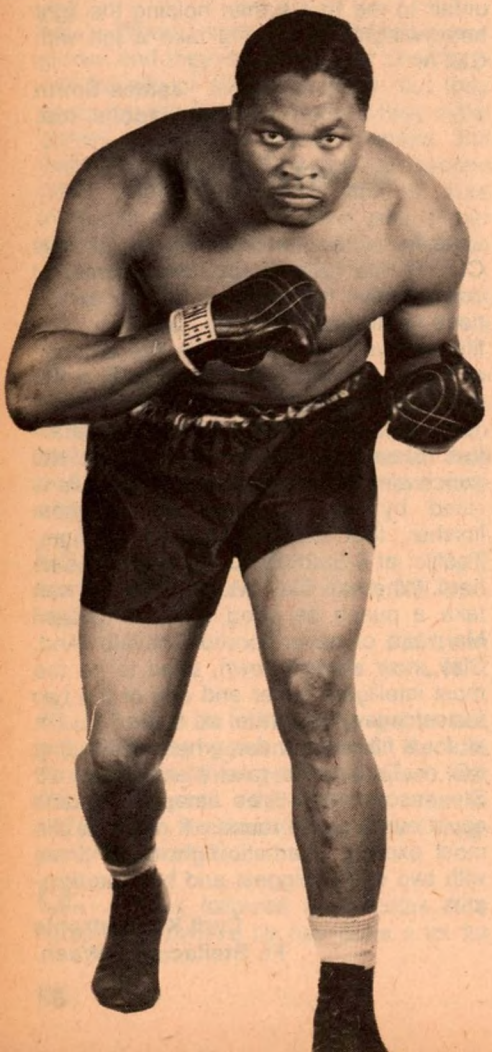


Turkey Thompson knocked out Pat Valentino, Gus Dorazio, Elmer Ray, and Lee Q. Murray. He fought from 1938 to 1950.

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

Muhammad Ali has engaged in twenty-four world heavyweight title bouts. Had he not refused induction into the armed services and been allowed to fight for the three and a half-years he was out of the ring, he would have engaged in many more fights, breaking Louis' record of twenty-seven title bouts with ease.

True, but Louis was, himself, inactive for four years (excluding exhibition bouts) while in the service during World War II. Who knows how many more defenses he would have racked up if he had fought straight through those years? In 1941, his last full year out of service prior to the war, he defended his title seven times.

But go into the army Louis did. On March 12, 1943, he was at ringside when two top contenders, Jimmy Bivins and Tami Mauriello, fought ten rounds in Madison Square Garden. Bivins won the decision and Louis came into the ring, put a crown on Jimmy's head and said "You're the champ while I'm gone."

It was good publicity for boxing, although the crown wasn't worth much outside of *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Bivins, who was born in Cleveland, remained "interim" champ until he followed Louis into the Army in March 1944.

Here are vignettes of some of the most notable heavyweights of the World War II era:

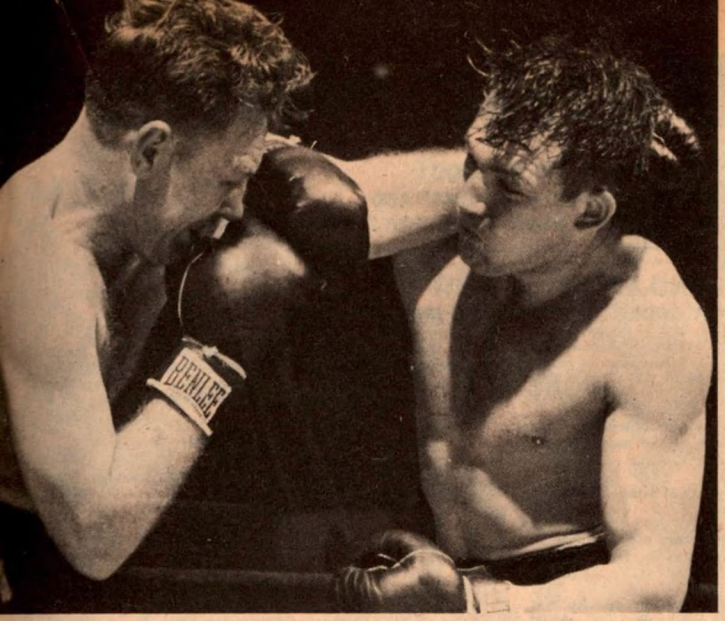
LOU NOVA

Born in L.A. on March 16, 1915, Nova developed an interest in boxing while attending Sacramento Junior College. He won the National AAU title in 1935 and traveled to Paris, where he won the International Amateur heavyweight competition. Lou turned pro after coming back from France under the guidance of Ray Carlen. His first seven fights were in New York.

In 1937, Lou went back to the coast and became a headline main eventer at the old Hollywood Legion Stadium. When Carlen thought that he was ready, Lou came east again, winning a fifteen-rounder over Tommy Farr and stopping Maxie Baer in eleven. This fight, Lou's most famous, ended when Max was cut inside the mouth so badly that he was in danger of choking.

Nova's next fight was with Tony Galento. In what has been described as the dirtiest fight in the history of Queensberry boxing, Lou was stopped in the fourteenth by Two-Ton Tony.

Lou bounced back. After a year out of the ring (with injuries), he scored a five-round kayo over Johnny Erjabec, and then whipped Pat Comiskey, Baer again (this time via



(Left) Joe Baksi, right, slips a left jab from Lee Savold at Madison Square Garden. He beat Dorazio, Mauriello, Savold, Gunnar Barlund, Nova, Freddie Mills, and Bruce Woodcock. (Right) Lee Q. Murray defeated Curtis Sheppard, Tiger Ted Lowry, Bivins, and Turk Thompson.

eighth round TKO), and Jim Robinson (KO-3).

Finally, he got a title fight. "This boy may give me the toughest fight of my career," said Joe, seriously, to newsmen prior to the contest. Lou, however, was kayoed in the sixth round, leading one sportswriter to remark that Lou's vaunted "cosmic punch" had been spelled the wrong way; The "s" should have been left out.

Lou took the hint and became a nightclub comedian after his ring career ended in 1945.

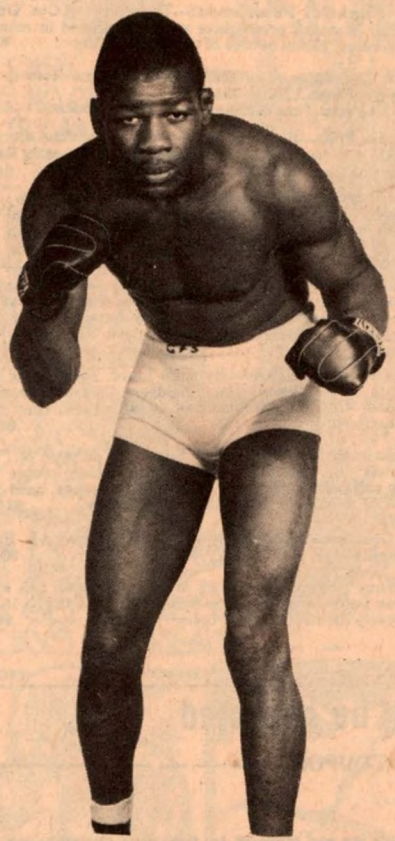
JIMMY BIVINS

Jimmy started boxing as an amateur while still in high school and won the Golden Gloves and the National AAU. He turned pro under the direction of Claude Shane in 1940 and won nineteen straight fights before dropping a decision to Anton Christoforidis on December 2 of that same year.

Bivins' greatest years in the ring were from 1942 to 1945. He lost only to Bob Pastor in this period, a loss he later reversed, and beat such greats as Billy Soose, Gus Lesnevich, Joey Maxim, Tamy Mauriello, Lee Savold, Ezzard Charles, Anton Christoforidis, Pat Valentino, Lloyd Marshall, Melio Bettina, Lee Q. Murray, Curtis Sheppard, and Archie Moore. Jimmy kayoed the Mongoose in six rounds in Cleveland on August 22, 1945. (Moore subsequently knocked out Bivins three times.)

Bivins fought eleven different champions in his career, but never got a title fight. The fact that he beat all those champions but three (Louis, Walcott, and Harold Johnson) says something about that. Had Jimmy not gone into the Army during World War II, and had he fought during a more equitable era, he probably would have been light heavyweight champion of the world. At his peak, he stood 5'9" and weighed 174 pounds.

Bivins finally fought Louis in Baltimore on August 15, 1951. Joe, no longer champ, was well past his prime, but Jimmy, despite his comparative youth (he was thirty-one),



Curtis Sheppard, the Pittsburgh Hatchet Man, stopped Joey Maxim in the first round in Cleveland on March 10, 1943. He fought from 1938 to 1948.

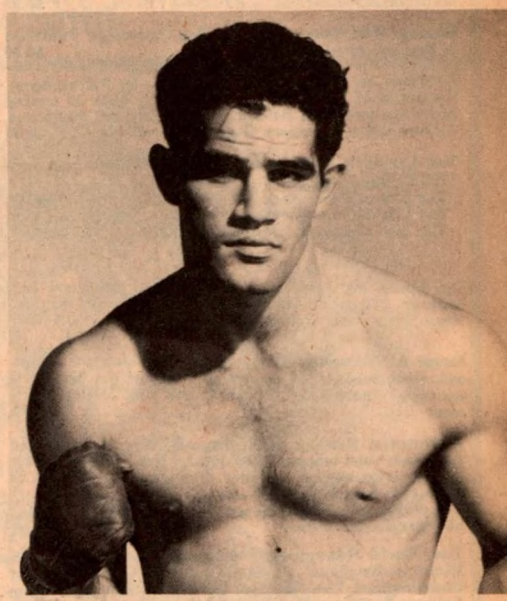
was past his, too. Louis, 203½, won a unanimous ten-round decision over Bivins, 180¼.

Try as he might, Jimmy no longer had it in him the way he had had it before 1946. He continued to fight first rate opposition before hanging up his gloves in 1955.

In the prime of his career, Bivins was managed and trained by Wilfred (Whi' Bang) Carter.

BUDDY BAER

Buddy, Max's younger brother, was born



Tommy Gomez was the only active heavyweight fighter to bear the Purple Heart. He was seriously wounded in the Battle of the Bulge.

in Denver on June 11, 1915. He got into boxing while at his brother Max's Asbury Park training camp in 1934. (Maxie was then training for Carnera.) Clumsy at first, Buddy soon made rapid progress, and his first pro fight, held in Eureka, Calif. on September 23 of that same year, resulted in a one-round knockout over Tiny Abbott, who, at 6'7", was a half-inch taller than Buddy. Buddy racked up twelve straight kayoes before losing a ten-rounder to Babe Hunt in Boston on January 10, 1935. Most of Baer's opponents during his first two years in boxing were second-raters, with exceptions such as Corn Griffin, who Buddy kayoed in the second round, and Willie Davis. In 1937, Buddy moved up to score a three-round knockout over Abe Simon.

His progress toward a title shot was halted when Gunnar Barlund knocked him out in

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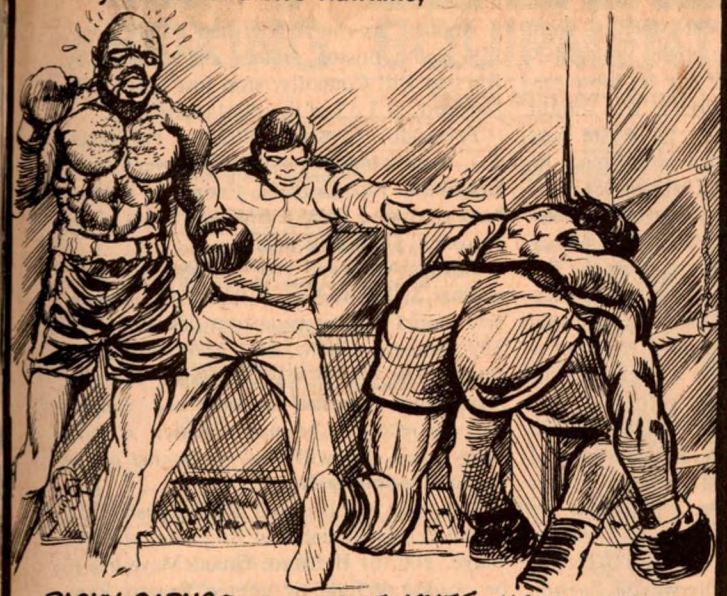

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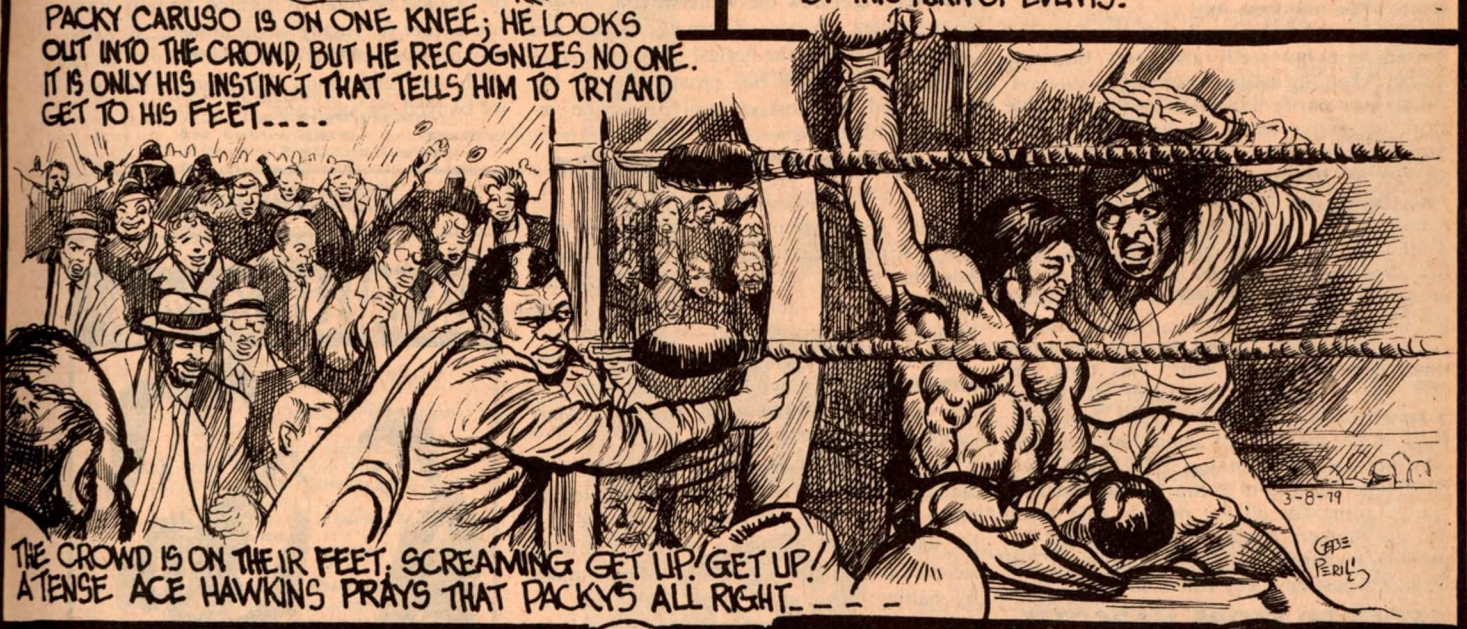

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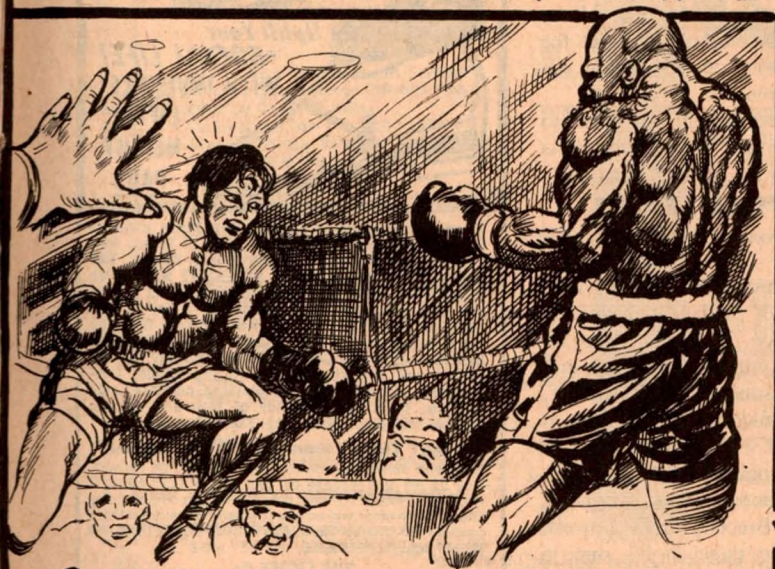

PACKY PULLS HIMSELF TO HIS FEET WITH THE AID OF THE ROPES. HE IS CLEARLY HURT....

"ALI BABA" CLOSES ON PACKY; ACE SHOUTS TO PACKY "COVER UP PACK! CLINCH — CLINCH...

OSSIE OCASIO BEATS JIMMY YOUNG AGAIN

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Could it be caused by the good things of life? A combination of dissipation and age? Or could it be his poor TV rating? I hate to be repetitive, but TV image is the thing that gets you in the money. TV is King in this game. And speaking of King, it was he who said before the fight, when cornered as to the possibility of a Larry Holmes championship bout for the winner: "Let's wait and see how it looks in the tube."

But regardless of how you look at it, it was obvious that Young was not going to pass the screen test. He never has.

As Richie Giachetti, one of Larry Holmes handlers, said before the fight: "This may be the last hurrah for Young." And he may be right.

And what about Jaws Ocasio? Where is he heading? Let him look in the mirror of his defeated rival and maybe start changing his life style a bit.

Let him be thinking of rigorous training and forget his newly acquired friends. And some of the old ones, too!

Let him wipe that smile off his face and instead grit his teeth and start throwing leather when the action requires it.

Let him purify his style and be a little more aggressive as in the early part of his career, when he was beginning to look like another Joe Frazier. Because even though he was cheered for his fancy and evasive moments in the late stages of his fight with Young, he is going to have to do a lot more than that to beat Holmes and win over that unseen but critical overseer of boxing called the TV audience.

The critics were most kind with Jaws this time. Nobody panned him. This time you can say it was just a matter of Jimmy Young's style. It makes anyone look bad. He's made the best of them look bad. So why not Ocasio? But just this time, Jaws. Next time out you're going to win. Because you're going for all the marbles and when that big moment comes it will no longer depend on managers Ralph Hernandez and Bill Daly, but just on a guy called Jaws.

LEONARD STOPS MARCOTTE

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not only was he landing at will, but he found time to do a little cadillacing (showboating). Ray would do the Ali shuffle, fake the bolo, then come over the top with an overhand right. By the sixth round, it was all over except for the shouting as Leonard cool and collectively set his man up for the kill. Sugar Ray's heavy body attack was slowly but surely bringing Marcotte's hands down and at this point Fernand had all but given up launching an attack because he was totally concerned with not only being able to *walk* out of the ring under his own power, but to walk out in one piece. By this time Sugar Ray had opened up a cut over Marcotte's right eye what was so nasty veteran referee Jay Edson had to halt hostilities with five seconds left in the round in order to have it looked at. Ring physician Theodore Struhl felt that although the cut was making a big mess, it wasn't in a dangerous enough of a position to stop the fight. Sugar Ray went right back to work in the seventh as he came down off his toes and started to punch with such crisp authority he beat Marcotte from one side of the ring to the other. What Marcotte lacked in ability this day he most certainly did not lack in heart. It was almost impossible for Sugar Ray to waste any punches because he landed everything he threw. The 8th round saw Leonard set Marcotte up for the kill with three tough body shots followed by the proverbial 1-2. Mercy was rendered at 2:33 of the round as the 1-2 sent Marcotte to the canvas face down. Incidently, not only was this the first time that Marcotte has ever been counted out, but it marked the first time that he'd ever been off his feet. Leonard upped his record to 19-0 with twelve kayoes while Marcotte falls to 36-10-2. Although Sugar Ray is ranked number two in the world, veteran trainer Angelo Dundee is adopting a wait and see attitude concerning his young charge (Leonard is twenty-two). One thing is certain however, right now the welterweight division with Benitez, Cuevas, Palomino, Duran, and Tommy Hearns is the hottest class in boxing. Sugar Ray Leonard has proven that he belongs, and he most certainly must be reckoned with.

TATE ICES BOBICK IN FIRST

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win and it puts him in line for a bout with South Africa's Gerrie Coetzee, the winner to box the winner of the Leon Spinks-Kallie Knoetze bout for the WBA vacant heavyweight championship—if Ali's retires.

John is now eighteen for eighteen, winning fifteen via kayo. His biggest wins to this point: Raul Gorosity, Bernardo Mercardo and Johnny Boudreaux.

Tate won the bout with straight right hand leads to the head of Bobick, who failed to block any of them. At one point, Duane was hit with seven rights in a row. The referee saved Duane from a possible serious injury by halting the contest while Tate was annihilating him in the corner. A good call by referee George DeFabis, who didn't let the fact that the bout was on TV cloud his judgement.

For Bobick, it's retirement or back to being "King of The Small Fight Clubs." As for Big John Tate, it's up, up and away.

HAGLER KAYOES SEALES

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kie on that one.

In a companion tenner, Dale Grant, 174, Seattle, a stablemate of Seales, managed by the knowledgeable Joe Williams, was an easy unanimous duke winner over tough and durable Donny Addison, 172, Waterbury, Conn. No knockdowns, but Grant won it big. He's a nifty boxer with good moves.

A six-round affair paired Freddie Roach, 127, of the Dedham, Mass. fighting Roaches, with Eddie Bracetty, 130, Lowell, Mass. Roach won the duke in his one, a fast, good, action packed fight. Incidentally, Barbara Roach, the mother of young Freddie, was on hand. She's a Massachusetts boxing judge, but, naturally, did not work this show.

Another six-round bout had Danny Long, 158, South Boston, trained and managed by Jim and Bill Connolly, stop Jose Ortiz, 150, Hartford, at 2:55 of the third round.

Fernando Fernandez, 151, Pawtucket, R.I., won a unanimous decision over Charlie Benjamin, 150, Somers, Conn., in a good, hard six-round fight. Fernandez is out of the Petronelli Gym in Brockton.

Bushy Bester, 160, Seattle, Wash., another of Joe Williams' fine stable of fighters, scored a clean kayo over Jessie Wilson, 169, Somers, Conn., at 1:22 of the second round. The crowd was impressed with Bester, who compiled a long and winning amateur record in his native Africa, winning many titles. He will now be boxing out of Boston for Johnny Dunn.

The final match paired Steve Zouski, 203, of the Petronelli stable in Brockton, with Joe Maye, 200, of Hartford, Conn. Maye had to be goaded to fight by referee Tommy Rawson before he finally "succumbed" to Zouski's prowess and refused to come out for the sixth and final round. The commission doctor okayed the stoppage.

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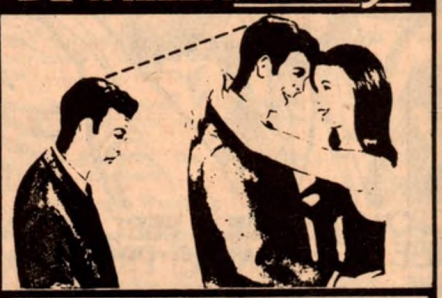

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3—Ossie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
4—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
6—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
7—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
8—Willie Shannon, Orlando, Fla.
9—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
10—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
11—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
12—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
13—Gerrie Cooney, New York, N.Y.
14—Mike Dokes, Akron, Ohio
15—Bob Hazelton, Wichita, Kansas
X—Muhammad Ali, Chicago, Ill.
XX—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.

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2—James Scott, Rahway, N.J.
3—Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
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6—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
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10—Jerry Martin, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Sal San Filippo, Jersey City, N.J.
12—Mickey Goodman, Detroit, Mich.
13—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
14—Tommy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
X—Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
XX—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.

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15—Wilson Bell, Detroit, Mich.

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4—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
7—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
8—Sammy Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
9—Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa.
10—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
11—Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
12—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
13—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
15—Larry Stanton, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.

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* JOHNNY LIRA, Chicago, Ill.
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4—Jorge Morales, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
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10—Hilmer Kenty, Columbus, Ohio
11—Billy Parks, Denver, Colo.
12—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
13—Tommy Rose, Sherborn, Mass.
14—Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
15—Felix Perez, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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* Title Vacant
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5—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
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7—Ernest Bing, Atlantic City, N.J.

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11—Jerry Kornele, Houston, Texas
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15—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
X—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico

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6—Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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15—Gaby Canterra, San Antonio, Texas
XX—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.

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13—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
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LOVE BEATS BRISCOE

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The speed and crafty boxing of Love carried him over the rough spots and he continued to pile up points in the seventh and eighth with stinging jabs and crosses. Briscoe was working hard but getting nowhere.

Another good right caught Love in the ninth and Briscoe finished strong in the tenth to make it closer than some of the official scorecards would indicate. At the end, Love was also cut over the left eye. He had won the fight but Briscoe had left his calling card.

A score of 49-41 in favor of Love was way out of line and one has to wonder what fight referee Charles Sagrillo was watching. Tallies of 47-44 and 47-46 from judges Harold Lederman and Tommy Cross, respectively, made a lot more sense. *The Ring* tabbed it 47-45 for the winner.

The hope here is that Bennie will pack it in very soon, so that he can be remembered for his glory days, and not as the brave punching bag that he is rapidly becoming.

In another middleweight bout scheduled for ten, Tony "Rocky" Tassone, 162, stopped local rival Rudy Donato, 160, with a rib-bending left to the side for a TKO at 2:38 of the seventh.

Tassone opened with a rush and floored Donato with a nifty left-right in the first, only to fade for a few rounds and allow Donato to cut him under and above the left eye. "Rocky" got his act back together in the seventh and finished the fighting roofer with a potent body whack. Both men had a large contingent of supporters on hand who whooped it up with every change of fortune.

In a fight best forgotten as quickly as possible, Philadelphia middleweight Ernie Singletary, 159, scored a sloppy ten-round decision over previous conqueror Ralph Moncrief, 157, of Cleveland. It was a mauling, clinch-filled mess that provoked prolonged and deserved boos.

South Philly's Johnny Cooper, 146, came on strong down the stretch to earn a draw with Upper Darby prospect Mike Picciotti, 146. "Pic" started well with a two-handed body attack but couldn't cope with Cooper's short, left hooks over the last few rounds. It was a lively, give-and-take brawl over the entire eight rounds and would make a dandy rematch.

Warminster, Pa., comer Billy Wareham TKO'd Don Leery in the second round of a scheduled four-round middleweight scrap and William Burton decisioned Kevin Howard in an all-Philadelphia lightweight four-rounder to complete matchmaker Rus Peltz's show.

SERRANO BEATS VALDEZ

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Serrano boxed calmly at a distance.

It was not a great match because styles make a fight and these gentlemen definitely did not have the cohesive styles needed for a good match. Valdez looks well against a man that comes to him, but if he has to do the chasing, he seems lost, or does not know how to go about it.

In the semi-final ten-round bout, super bantam Leo Cruz scored a narrow verdict over Colombian Jose "Pambelito" Cervantes. A recent victor over bantam contender Lupe Pintor, Cruz started off rather slow and failed to take a round until the fifth heat. Cervantes, on the other hand, was most effective with his left jab but seemed to lose steam in the closing heats of the encounter. Cruz will now be gunning for a title match with WBA champion Ricardo Cardona.

Knockout artist Ernesto España continued his KO streak by scoring a six round TKO victory over Fernando Jimenez of the Dominican Republic. Jimenez proved to be a tough nut to crack and stood up admirably against his opponent's much heavier artillery. Considering that he had not fought in over eight months, plus his claim that he is a legitimate featherweight, Jimenez surprised everyone by staying on as long as he did. With this victory, España is now in line for a title match in the 130-pound class.

Former welter champion Angel Espada scored another kayo in his comeback trail when he stopped Sam Hailstock in the ninth heat. Sam was no match for the fast-punching Espada.

Bamtam Jose Parrilla scored a split decision over Victor Callejas in six heats.

Rey Viruet scored a six-round decision over Hector Cruz. Rey is a cousin of lightweight contender Edwin Viruet.

ARGUELLO KAYOES ESCALERA IN 13 AGAIN

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After the bout, Alfredo stated that he is retiring from the ring. This means the U.S. junior lightweight championship is vacant.

Arguello wants to move up into the lightweights. With Duran giving up the crown, he feels that he now stands a good chance in winning the vacant title. But, at press, the WBC has elected Alfredo Pitalua and Jim Watt to battle for the vacant 135-pound title. Since WBA does not rank him in either division, his only hope is getting the winner of the Pitalua-Watt contest. If Alexis does, it could be his third title.

Escalera leaves the ring with a 54-9 record, including ten defenses of his former WBC title.

On the undercard, heavyweight Alfio Righetti, Italy, won a ten-round nod over Tom Prater, Indianapolis, Ind., and Italian super lightweight Pierangelo Pira beat Brazil's Jose Ribiero in six.

BLACKMOORE-MARRERO

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Amateur Champion making his professional debut, defeated Terrence Clarke, 153, by a technical knockout in the sixth round. Ivor Simmons, 152, won by a TKO over Errol Williams, 154, in the sixth round, and, in the semi-final, Derrick McKenzie, 140, easily defeated Valdez Marcus, 136, on points over eight rounds.

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

The new arrangement at PETE ASHLOCK PROMOTIONS, in Orlando, Fla., is MICKEY "THE KID" DAVIES as "Director of Boxing' . . . MICKEY has been around the game for years—His last stay was in South California, where he did a tremendous job with promotions—first under EILEEN EATON—then his own shows at San Diego . . BARBARA ASHLOCK is secretary . . DOM POLO is the "gym operator" and "trainer," and a good one. . . . The "word is" that C.B.S. is already lining up "a successor" to MUHAMMAD ALI when he officially ends it all—included in that TV tournament will be heavyweights DUANE BOBICK, JOHN TATE, KALLIE KNOETZE, LEON SPINKS and GERRY COETZEE. . . . COETZEE already has a win over KNOETZE in their native land and is recognized as champion there. . . . BOBICK will be around a while longer—but never seems to win when he has too—sort of a KEN NORTON type of contender. . . . RUDY ROBLES picked up $7500 and expenses when he crossed gloves with ALAN MINTER in London recently. . . . JOSE "PIPINO" CUEVAS, the WBA welterweight champ, and a good one—is rapidly making the huge Mexican population, who pay good pesos to see their favorites, forget all the other lads who crossed the border . CUEVAS is the most popular Mexican to "hit the states" since the days of old BARON HENRY von STUMME'S lightweight, RICHIE LEMOS. . . . Believe me when I tell you—there have been many, many good Mexican fighters boxing in California for years—fellows like former champ RUBEN OLIVARES, present king CARLOS ZARATE, and LUPE PINTOR. . . . CUEVAS is managed by the knowledgeable LUPE SANCHEZ. . . . DIDJAKNOW that world champs JOE LOUIS—LEW JENKINS—JOSE TORRES—and—CARLOS PALOMINO all boxed on the All-Army team while they were in the service—not all at the same time, naturally. Today, the All-Army team, like the Navy, consists of eleven boxers chosen from the entire service—Several team members rank in the national "top ten" amateurs for their individual weights. . . . Considering his great love for boxing and boxers, don't be too surprised if you hear where JOHN MADDEN, former coach of the N.F.L. Oakland Raiders, turns to boxing for a career as a fight promoter in Northern California in the not too distant future—JOHN is just forty-three years young—really too young to remain inactive for long. . . . ANGELO DUNDEE has another fine young fighter in 152-pound STEVE GREGORY out of Columbus, Ohio—GREGORY just off of a good win over MIKE WYANT. . . . DICK ECKLUND, Boston welter vacationing in Miami, visited the Fifth Street Gym while there and made a big hit with the fight clique. . . . The kid to watch for the future is TOMMY HEARNS, a Detroit boxer with class—He can box and he can punch—good man indeed HEARNS is now sporting a 16-0 "ring record" . . since joining the "punch for pay ranks". . . . ROBERTO DURAN has deserted the lightweight division—cannot make the weight any longer—now campaigning for a "shot" at the welter title—I think the guy can win it. . . . World traveler KEVIN FINNEGAN was stopped by South African CHARLIE WEIR—Too bad KEVIN has skin like toilet paper—he leads before he leaves the dressing room for the ring—but is a damn good fighter. . . . ALBERTO SANDOVAL who was stopped by ALFONSO ZAMORA, was reluctant to return to the gym—but now has decided to continue his ring career—JOHNNY GONZALVES, former National A.A.U. lightweight champ back in the late forties—one of the best boxers I've ever seen in action—what moves that guy had—now a bartender in Oakland, Calif. . . probably telling his clientele how good he was—and I would have to agree with him—he was excellent. . . . BILLY NEWMAN and JOE HERMAN, former co-owners of the NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM in San Francisco, together again the other day in Frisco—JOE sold his end of the gym—he took BILLY to City Hall to get his business license straightened out—now solely in NEWMAN'S name. . . . The gym is loaded with young boxers. . . . JOE HERMAN is toiling with his ex-fighter, attorney LEO FRIED, who boxed as a heavyweight for Joe forty-five years ago. . . . LEO'S secretary, LAURA, is a top gal . . . who keeps me posted on what these two are up to. One thing I like about JOHNNY SAXTON, the former welterweight champion—is he blames himself for being broke—JOHNNY has a scrapbook for memories' sake so he can show his kids—He quit boxing in 1953 and now is a working man. . SAXTON lost the title to TONY DeMARCO in Boston on April 1st, 1955—I saw this fight and remember it well. . He was stopped in the fourteenth round of a great pairup. . On March 14th, 1956, SAXTON beat CARMEN BASILIO in Chicago, 15 round decision and re-won the world title—but on Sept. 12th, 1956—JOHNNY was topped by BASILIO at Syracuse, N.Y. . . . From then on, his career went downhill. . . . NUNO CAM does an excellent job as "announcer" for all of RIP VALENTI'S boxing shows around New England . . . dapper as his tuxedo—he is a big favorite with the fans at "ringside". . . . MUHAMMAD ALI is looking for a house to purchase in Pacific Palisades, Baldwin Hills, the Santa Monica area. . He wants to live in Southern California for four months out of the year . . then go back to Chicago. . . Ali also owns a farm in Michigan. . The "champ" purchased an auto in Santa Monica—a walnut and silver sand 1978 Corniche convertible—then took the saleslady to dinner. . The lucky gal was ELAINE POBOR, a longtime fan who negotiated the deal. . . . for the DUANE BOBICK—JOHN TATE match, BOBICK got $120,000 and TATE $100,000. . So you see—there is a lot of money in boxing today—with the right connections. . . . This writer is saddened by the passing of his friend JACKIE WILSON, Quincy, Mass., welter and middleweight of the fifties. . JACKIE, whose real name was JOHN PATRICK HARMON, was a real good southpaw—who had great potential. . He was born in Roxbury, Mass. . . was just forty-eight years old when he died of a heart attack. . . . They say that JOE BUGNER will return to the ring wars . . . BUGNER has tangled with the best of them and survived. . . If he does return to boxing, his new wife, former Australian writer MARLENE CARTER, will manage him. . . . VITO TALLARITA, New England fight promoter, will run shows at Springfield, Mass this summer. . TALLARITA also promotes in Hartford,

"Sailor" Don Sauer, "Ringside" boxing columnist and former U.S. Navy welterweight champion.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

SIMON IS STILL UNDEFEATED

LOS ANGELES — Mircea Simon collected his eighth consecutive victory, but it was slightly tainted.

Simon was awarded a second round knockout over Jim Dixon, 198, Memphis, at the Olympic Auditorium. Dixon offered little opposition and just managed to toss a few feeble punches.

While the husky Romanian failed to score a knockdown, he was punishing Dixon at will when referee Larry Rozadilla stepped in an ended matters.

Following the bout, Athletic Commission Inspector Joe Olmos held up Dixon's purse of $1000 for "lack of effort".

It was the seventh knockout for Simon, who was a silver medialist in the 1976 Olympic Games. He weighed 230½.

Other results: Arturo Rojas, 129, Los Angeles, outpointed Juan Sanchez, 128½, Mexico, six; Agapito Ramirez, 152, Mexico, outscored Maurico Aldano, 149, Los Angeles, six.

▲STOCKTON — Yaqui Lopez, 179¾, returned to his home base and had no problems taking care of Junior Albers, 186, Eureka, Calif.

Lopez, who three times has challenged for the light heavyweight championship, was a knockout winner in the third round.

In a second ten-rounder, Chuy Rodriguez, 135, Mexico, upset Nacho Jimenez, 133, Stockton, via a decision.

Other results: Danny Adams, 153½, Oakland, kayoed Mike Lanphere, 149, Stockton, one; Len Lawson, 195½, Oakland, decisioned Tony Stone, 183¾, Stockton, six.

A crowd of 1,600 paid $10,607.

▲LOS ANGELES — Ruben Castillo had an easy assignment against Robert Perez of San Antonio in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Castillo, 130, Bakersfield, upped his record to 34-0 with a third round knockout over the Texas invader. Perez weighed 129.

Other results: Jose Rojas, 128, East Los Angeles, knocked out Mike Garza, 126½, Los Angeles, six; Enrique Silva, 154½, Mexico, outpointed Gary Meyers, 155, Los Angeles, six; Petrolino Velasquez, 136½, Mexico outscored Alfredo Carranza, 136, Long Beach, six.

▲LOS ANGELES — At first, Oscar Muniz thought he could stop Eddie Logan, but the former Detroit bantamweight proved to be too rugged and lasted the ten rounds.

Muniz, 118, Pico-Rivera, won easy enough, but just didn't have the steam to even score a knockdown.

Logan, 119, was the aggressor in the early rounds, but Oscar's counter-punching style was too much for him to handle.

Referee Larry Rozadilla and judges Chuck Hassett and Lou Filippo all had the same tally—99-92 for Muniz.

Other results: Jaime Garza, 118, Los Angeles, kayoed Jose Villegas, 118, Mexico, four; Juan Sanchez, 125, Mexico, knocked out Manuel Ruelas, 122, Los Angeles, one.

The gate was $7,636, contributed by 2,340 folks.

▲LOS ANGELES — Victor Martinez, aka Kid Zorrita, turned in an all-out performance in gaining a unanimous ten-round decision over Bert Lee of San Diego at the Olympic Auditorium.

The win was the twelvth for Martinez against three losses.

He just out-punched Lee, who could hit harder, but managed to only land one to every three punches tossed by the winner.

Martinez (Zorrita) weighed 147 and is from Los Angeles. Lee was 148.

Other results: Dan Patino, 133, Los Angeles, decisioned Jim McNeese, 132, Los Angeles, five; Tony Baltazar, 131, Puente, kayoed Art Silveria, 132, Los Angeles, one; Wally Yarbrough, 164, Los Angeles, outscored Mal Brown, 165½, Los Angeles, five.

SACRAMENTO AND VICINITY

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

▲SACRAMENTO — Little known Sammy Masias did nothing to change his reputation when he came to California to fight Pete Ranzany. Masias picked himself off the canvas in the second round, but failed to duplicate that feat in the third.

Masias became Ranzany's forty-fourth victim after staying down from a crunching left to the liver in the third. Had Ranzany been more interested in the fight the ending surely would have come sooner.

The fight was held at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium before a screaming crowd of 2,615 who went beserk when Ranzany sprang to life two minutes into the first round with crisp combinations to the head and body of Masias. With eleven seconds remaining in the second, Ranzany dropped Masias with a double hook to the ribs. After an eight count, the Florida fighter wobbled to his corner.

In the third, Ranzany set Masias up with sharp jabs, then banged away at the midsection. Masias, arthritic and flat-footen, was unable to mount a noticeable offense. Ranzany stung Masias with a right to the head, then two lefts to the side and Masias sagged against the ropes. A smashing left to the liver and Masias began tumbling down, hands first, then in sections.

Ranzany's record went to 44-3-1, as he recorded his first knock out since stopping something named Santiago Valdez last June. It was Ranzany's twenty-eighth kayo win. Masias' record dropped to 20-6, his third consecutive loss by knockout.

"I wasn't working hard at first," Ranzany admitted. "He came out throwing long punches and I decided to lay back and wait for an opening. I started hurting him to the body right away."

"It's hard for me to get interested in guys like this. After I beat Jimmy Heair, they told me I would get Sugar Ray Leonard for a lot of money. Then I come up with this fight. I couldn't get excited for this one."

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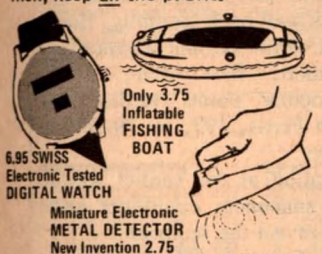

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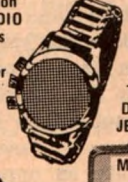

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

GREEN KAYOES RHINEY

Royal Albert Hall, London—Dave Green, Chatteris, 147, won the European welterweight title by beating the holder, Henry Rhiney, Luton, 146¼, the bout being halted in the fifth when Rhiney had stopped punching back.

It was a peculiar contest in many ways. Normally, Rhiney's British crown would have been at stake as well, but British title fights must be over fifteen rounds. The European Boxing Union recently decided that their title fights must be over twelve rounds, so even though this contest was made at 147, the welter limit, Rhiney's British crown was not at stake, even though he was stopped by another Britisher.

This was, in fact, the first European championship to be staged in Britain over the new distance of twelve rounds. Rhiney also made history by holding the EBU welter title for the shortest time—six weeks.

Also, the extreme weather in Britain meant that the selected referee, Welshman James Brimmell, was snowbound, and his place was taken by Londoner Sid Nathan.

To comply with EBU regulations, British officials Harry Gibbs and Mike Jacobs, both top referees, acted as judges.

As to the fight itself, Rhiney's skillful boxing wasn't enough to keep off the menacing Green, who just kept coming forward, and finally wore his man down.

Rhiney had one good spell in the third round when, for once, his punches were landing frequently, hooks and uppercuts getting through and, in particular, some good body shots that had Green covering up.

But this state of affairs didn't last long. Green soon recovered and, in the fourth, punch after punch landed on Rhiney, who once slipped to his knees under the constant pressure.

Rhiney looked tired now. His nose bled and he was forced to hold on in the early stages of the fifth. Green kept pounding away, and referee Nathan pushed his way between them to impose a standing count on Rhiney. This is something that could not have happened in a British title fight, where the rules do not allow for a standing count.

Indeed, Green didn't realize what this was all about, and thought the bout had been stopped in his favor. But this wasn't the case, and he had to continue his bombardment of the weary Rhiney until the referee intervened. This time, the official's action signified that Green was the winner.

A short reign for Rhiney, but he had the satisfaction of earning £20,000 sterling from this contest, and of course he still has his British crown, which is of no interest at all to Green, who hopes that he will shortly be meeting champion Wilfred Benitez for the world title. It is certain that this contest will not take place in Britain.

Rhiney boxed well, but Green was too strong for him. And remember that this was Dave's second European title. He held the light welter crown, but gave it up to move into the welters.

Green's manager, Andy Smith, was loud in his praise of Rhiney, whom he said contributed in no small part to a memorable fight. "If Green had been lucky enough to meet Carlos Palomino instead of Benitez meeting Carlos, Dave would be world champ today," he said. "The Palomino that met Benitez was nothing like the Palomino who beat John Stracey for the title, and, indeed, the Palomino who beat Dave last time (Green's only pro defeat)."

It was noticeable that Green has now added control to his other assets. He no longer throws punches indiscriminately, and has gained in confidence since his early contests.

Here's a world title contender who looks the part.

British flyweight champion Charlie Magri, 112½, walked right through Italian Filipo Belvedere, 116¾, and it was all over in 2:20 of the first round, referee Mike Jacobs intervening.

Belvedere was punched from pillar to post with shots from both hands, and could do nothing to stem the tide. He was helpless when the end came, and it was afterwards discovered that he had a broken rib.

Magri will get his chance at the European crown soon, and is strongly favored to win. On this form there is no limit to what he may achieve.

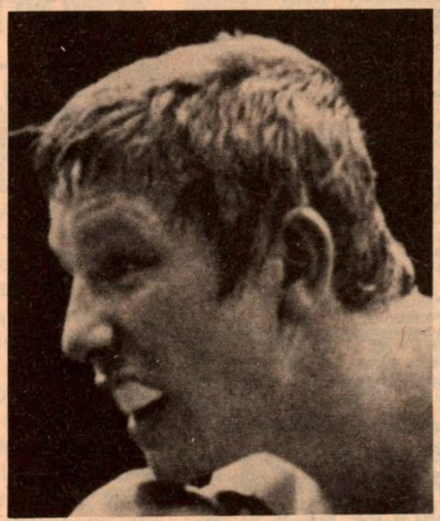
British light middleweight champion Jimmy Batten, 154, outscored American Aundra Love, 151½, over eight by 79½-76.

The scoreline indicates an easy victory, but the fans wanted to see Batten open up and to try and stop his man, and there was much booing and slow handclapping.

Love wasn't going to make it that easy for Jimmy. He concentrated on keeping out of trouble, and didn't look the aggressive fighter that was recently stopped by Dave Green.

It is easy enough to make an opponent look bad, without one doing anything positive himself, and that was just how Love boxed.

Two months earlier, Batten was sensationally kayoed by Gilbert Cohen for the European crown, and it was understandable that he has to feel his way back carefully. Hence the apparent lack of fire on this occasion.



David Green, who won the European welterweight title by halting countryman Henry Rhiney in the fifth round at Royal Albert Hall in London.

Stan McDermott, East Ham, 219½, gained an unpopular points verdict over Irishman Gordon Ferris, 193, by 79-78½ in their eight-rounder.

The demonstration at the verdict was so strong that the announcer could not make himself heard to reveal the scorecard.

Mac did catch his man with two or three good rights to the head, and Ferris was bleeding from the mouth and from the nose, yet the latter did a lot of good boxing, and seemed unlucky.

Reg Squire, Swindon, kayoed Steve Lewin, in the second round after previously decking him three times.

Dave Proud, 154½, outpointed Colin Ward, Northampton, 155¾, over eight by 78½-78. A fine contest for the fans, who threw in nobbins afterwards. Several rounds were fought toe to toe, and it is a pity there had to be a loser.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London**—Charlie Malarkey, Glasgow, 157, comfortably outpointed Roy Commosioung, Luton, 157¼, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Malarky jabbed neatly with his left, and also scored frequently to the body, causing his opponent to resort to holding on several occasions, for which he was warned.

Roy had a slight cut by the left eye and bled from the nose. He was never in real trouble, but was always trailing, and when Marlarkey's right eye was cut in the final round it was too late.

Jeff Pritchard, Tredegar, 137½, narrowly outpointed Eric Wood, 136½, over eight by 79½-79. This was a scramble, with many humorous moments as far as the spectators were concerned.

Very little clean work on either side, but Pritchard showed up better in the early stages and Wood just failed to get on terms.

George Danahar, Bethnal Green, 158, latest in a long line of fighting Danahars, made a successful pro debut by outscoring George Walker, Tottenham, 155¼, over six by 59-58. But the winner was twice decked in the second with rights to the chin, and the verdict was disputed by some.

Lloyd James, Finchley, 167½, beat Dai Wood, Wales, 169½, who retired at the end of the third after being down three times.

▲ **Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham**—Former British champion Joey Singleton, 143½, outpointed Sylvester Gordon, 143½, over eight by 79½-77. There was quite a demonstration when the result was announced, with menus and other objects being tossed into the ring.

It wasn't so much the verdict itself, but that Gordon had been credited with only one round that caused the fans to protest in this manner.

The facts are that Singleton prefers to box on the retreat, and Gordon on the attack. So the issue has to be decided on the number of clean punches landed by each boxer, and although Joey jabbed well, Gordon did his share, although he did tire in the later stages.

Harry Watson, Doncaster, 157, outpointed Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 159, by 59½-58½ over six. No thrills, but plenty of honest endeavour.

Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 138, outpointed Ian Pickersgill, Doncaster, 138, by 59-58 over six. Pickersgill was down twice in the fourth, but Nelson was unable to cash in on his advantage.

Debutant Pat Smythe, Gainsborough, 146, started well by outscoring Mark Osbourne, Grimsby, 148½, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.

▲ **Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford**—Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148, outpointed Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 152, by 78½-78 in a close eight-rounder.

Najib Daho, Manchester, outscored Tommy Wright, Doncaster, over eight by 80-76, not losing a round in this lightweight encounter.

Steve Enwright, Doncaster, 124, outscored Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 123¾, over six by 59½-58.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, beat Young Chezz, Mexborough, 129½, the bout being stopped after thirty-five seconds of the first round.

▲ **Merton Civic Hall, London**—Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 174½, outscored Shaun Chalcraft, Reigate, 174, by 79½-77½ over eight. A hectic fight, warnings from the referee to both men, and nobbins at the end from an appreciative crowd who came in spite of icy conditions.

McKenzie established a good lead, and Chalcraft's rally came too late to make any difference.

Another who held on to an early lead was Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 173, who outpointed Clint Jones, Crawley, 171, over eight by 78½-77½. In fact, Cattouse was on the canvas in the final round, but again, this came too late for Jones, who bled from the nose and had a swelling under the right eye.

Jones was having his first fight for nearly a year, and did well to overcome early ring rust. Nobbins in this one too.

And making it a hat trick of nobbins was the contest in which Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 123, and John Cooper, Mitcham, 123, drew over six. A fast pace, plenty of action, and the result absolutely correct.

Dave Reid, Mitcham, 167, was on the floor in the opening round, but recovered well to kayo Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 167, in the following session, after having him down for eight.

After three years' inactivity, Alan Cable, Norwood, 144, returned to beat Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 146, the bout being stopped in the fourth round with the latter cut on the left eyebrow.

▲ **Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull**—The time cannot be too distant when John Feeney, Hartlepool, 116, competes for the British bantam crown. He confirmed a previous win by outpointing Mohamed Younis, Walsall, 115½, over ten by 99½-97.

Feeney has now gone eleven bouts without defeat. He has the skill the ringcraft and the punch. A right hand put his opponent down in the fourth, and John was in complete control. Only Younis' gameness kept it going, and full marks to the latter for making such a fight of it.

Joey Mack, Birmingham, 148½, "kayoed" Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148, in the third. Bailey went to his knees from a body blow, seemed to be in control of the situation, and appeared to have beaten the count, but not according to the referee.

When they met in 1977, Mack also won on a knockout, this time in two.

Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 214, did not lose a round in outscoring Winston Allen, Swansea, 201½, over eight by 80-77½.

Nigel Thomas, Llanelli, 140, outpointed Shaun Stewart, Barnsley, 138½, by 59½-57 over six, a well-deserved victory.

▲ **Stoke-on-Trent Executive Sporting Club**—Eddie Smith, Manchester, 166, beat Chris Lawson, Cardiff, 170, the referee intervening in the fourth after Lawson had been down from some hefty body shots.

Terry Welch, Liverpool, 133, outscored Tony Zeni, Highgate, 136, over six by 59-58½. An excellent scrap, and a close result, with nobbins coming in from enthusiastic fans.

A little unfortunate for Zeni, as the BBC is making a TV documentary on the career of a boxer who starts as an amateur, then turns pro. Zeni is their subject, and the cameras were there.

Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 126, comfortably outscored Lawrence Williams, 127, by 59½-58½ over six, giving a fine display of boxing.

Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 147, outpointed Dave Allen, Conisbrough, 147, over six by 59½-57½. Allen sustained an injury to his right hand in the fifth.

Lloyd James, Finchley, 170, outscored debutant David Miller, Manchester, 176, by 59-58 over six. Miller was a bit at sea at first, but rallied strongly as the fight progressed, with James tiring at the end.

▲ **Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham**—Chris Walker, Retford, 148, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Billy Waith, Cardiff, 148½, over eight by 79-78½. As always, Waith showed a lot of skill and clever defence, but Walker's work rate was higher.

Waith's troubles started in the second round, when he took a left hand that broke off the caps in two front teeth, and his mouth bled considerably.

Walker boxed intelligently, jabbing and hooking accurately, and forcing the pace whenever Waith decided to have a breather.

An interesting contest, rather than an exciting one.

Nobbins of £96 sterling, a record for a sporting club in the Midlands, followed the drawn bout between Roger Guest, Dudley, 142, and Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 143, over six.

By a coincidence, their previous contest, a month earlier, also drew nobbins, and this was in the same hall.

It was punch-for-punch all the way, and the patrons loved every moment. The result was absolutely right.

Dennis Pryce, Wolverhampton, 152, outscored Colin Moore, Forest Hill, over six by 59-58½. The taller Pryce did enough in the early rounds to survive a late rally by Moore.

Gary Ball, Putney, 129, gained a six-rounds points win over Carl Mullings, Birmingham, 129½, scoreline 59½-58½. Ball jabbed neatly against an aggressive but not always accurate opponent.

▲ **Wolverhampton Civic Hall**—Bunny Johnson, the British light heavyweight champion, 175½, outpointed substitute Dennis Andries, 175, over ten rounds by 98-96½. Bunny's title was not at stake.

However, the scoreline in no way indicates the tremendous drama of this contest. Promoter Ron Gray, himself a former heavyweight of note, originally matched Johnson with Rab Affleck in a British title fight.

When Affleck had to pull out with boils in his ears, Tony Sibson was sought, the title still being at stake. Sibson decided he didn't want this particular bout at this particular time, so in came Andries, but with no title at stake. Which may have been just as well for Johnson, who was decked in the ninth, and looked very weary at the final bell.

Andries can thank manager Ernie Fossey for getting this chance to show what he could really do against a top man in the division.

Andries had taken part in only eight bouts, and it probably seemed unwise for him to tackle the champ with such a vast difference in experience. But Ernie, himself a fine lightweight in the fifties, knew the odds, and what is more important, he knew his fighter's capabilities.

He was proved right in no uncertain fashion, and did the obvious thing afterwards—challenged Johnson to a return bout with Andries, this time with the title at stake.

Having said all that, Johnson just about deserved the verdict because of his superior work in the early rounds, although he was never able to hurt his opponent.

The champion finished with a swelling by the right eye and a cut mouth, and all the cheering at the end was for Andries, who had won the last two rounds convincingly.

Manager George Francis explained that Bunny had weight problems, and was also affected by the fact that his opponent had twice been changed.

Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 129, made it thirteen wins in a row by outpointing veteran Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 134½, over eight by 80-75½, not losing a round. Wright was down in the seventh.

Dave McCabe, Scotland, 138, kept his unbeaten record by beating Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 140½, who was disqualified for dangerous use of the head in round seven. McCabe was cut over the left eye after a clash of heads in the sixth, but was ahead at the time his opponent was ruled out.

Debutant Johnny Burns, Birmingham, 136, outpointed Brendan O'Donnell, Liverpool, 139, by 59½-57½ over six. Burns was decked in the fourth.

Gary Cooper, Lymington, 147, won his "High Noon" contest, opponent Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 147½, retiring at the end of the fifth after being decked in the second.

▲ **World Sporting Club, London**—Substitute Steve Hopkin, Ely, 152½, beat Mick Minter, Crawley, 152½, in a contest for the vacant Southern Area light middleweight title, Minter retiring at the end of the seventh round after being on the canvas.

Mick also had cuts by both eyes, and incurred several warnings for holding.

Hopkin started slowly, sizing his man up for a couple of rounds. Then he got on with the job of winning the fight. However, it was a disappointing affair, with Minter, handicapped by injuries, wilting as the bout progressed.

Even referee Harry Gibbs was injured, pulling a leg muscle as he stepped in quickly to sort matters out when Minter rose after the count and was forced half through the ropes, facing the spectators.

Manager Doug Bidwell pulled his man out at the end of the round, which must have relieved referee Gibbs, although he was quite prepared to carry on.

Has Britain found a new heavyweight prospect? Jack Solomons staged a £2,000 Heavyweight Competition, which was won quite impressively by Welshman David Pearce, Merthyr, 198.

Pearce kayoed Mal Tetley, Doncaster, 187, after only five seconds of "action" with a left hook in their semi-final, and beat Bobby Hennessey, Wandsworth, 213, in the final, the bout being stopped in round two.

Hennessey appealed that he had been hit low, but the referee did not support his view. The fight continued, with Pearce punching away without any reply. The referee then intervened.

Hennessey had two contests before the final. First he beat John Depledge, Leeds, 215, the bout being stopped in the second. Then he beat Winston Allen, Swansea, 203½, in the semi-final, the referee intervening, again in the second. Allen was decked three times.

Allen had outpointed debutant Danny Miller, Manchester, 186½, over three by 29½-29, the only fight in the competition to go the full distance.

In the last of the qualifying bouts, Tetley beat Steve Walters, Swansea, 217, the referee intervening after Walters had been down twice. He was also cut by the left eye.

In a welterweight contest, John Chard, Newport, 148, beat Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 149½, who was disqualified in the third for low punching.

▲ **Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford**—Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 155, outscored Ghana's Joe Oke, 155½, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Herol Graham, Birmingham, 157, former British amateur champ, beat Jim Roberts, 152, the referee intervening in the second round after Roberts had been on the floor. Graham looks promising material.

Peter Tidgewell, 166, beat Dave Merrell, 166, the bout being stopped in the fifth.

Redmond Everhard, Widnes, defeated Tommy Baldwin, Liverpool, 160, in the fourth, again on the referee's intervention. Baldwin had been down once.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Liverpool**—Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 142, comfortably outscored Jesse Harper, Manchester, 141, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Les Stevens (E)
2. Trevor Berbick (C)
3. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
4. George Chuvalo (C)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Paul Sykes (E)
7. Tony Moore (E)
8. Denton Ruddock (E)
9. Steve Aczel (A)
10. Terry Mintus (E)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasaja (U)
3. Lotte Mwale (Z)
4. Tony Mundine (A)
5. David Conteh (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (E)
7. Ernie Barr (B)
8. Rab Affleck (S)
9. Victor Attivor (G)
10. Rocky St. Clair (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Frankie Lucas (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Wally Carr (A)
5. Eddie Melo (C)
6. Bunny Sterling (E)
7. Monty Betham (NZ)
8. Fernand Marcotte (C)
9. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
10. Al Korovou (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Hope (E)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Jimmy Batten (E)
3. Elisha Obed (B)
4. Dave Proud (E)
5. Kenny Bristol (Gu)
6. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
7. Robbie Davies (E)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Mark Barnett (A)
10. Prince Rodnev (E)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Hector Thompson (A)
3. Henry Rhiney (E)
4. John H. Stracey (E)
5. Neil Pattel
6. Chris Clarke (C)
7. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
8. Eddie Marcel (Tr)
9. Vernon Lewis (Gu)
10. Roy Goss (Tr)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Malcolm (A)
1. Lachie Austin (A)
2. Colin Powers (E)
3. Clinton McKenzie (E)
4. Des Morrison (E)
5. Frank Ropis (A)
6. Josef Nsubuga (U)
7. Andy Broome (A)
8. Obisia Nwankpa (N)
9. Al Ford (A)
10. Joey Gibilisco (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charoie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (Tr)
4. Len Blackmore (Gu)
5. Barry Michael (A)
6. Johnny Claydon (E)
7. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
8. Gaeton Hart (C)
9. Fred Mensah (G)
10. Ralph Racine (C)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Les Pickett (W)
3. Patrick Forde (Gu)
4. Jimmy Flint (E)
5. Brian Roberts (A)
6. Nick Lo Bianco (A)
7. Pat Cowdell (E)
8. Metat Balla (A)
9. Gerry Duffy (S)
10. Paul Chance (E)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Sulley Shittu (G)
3. Dave Smith (E)
4. Gary Davidson (E)
5. Charlie Brown (A)
6. John Feeney (E)
7. Jim Bowen (A)
8. George Sutton (W)
9. Charlie Parvin S)
10. Alan Ashby (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Beli (A)
3. Pedro Solo (A)
4. Ray Amoo (N)
5. Glen Walsh (A)
6. Roger Richens (A)
7. Neil McLaughlin (I)
8. John Hipwell (A)
9. Bryn Griffiths (W)
10. Junior Thompson (A)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders are David Kotey (G), Kazeem Armah (N) and Jean LaPointe (C).

Legend: (AN) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fi) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghanda; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (T) Trinidad; (To) Tonga; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

Harper had been inactive for two years, and found it difficult against a fast moving opponent. Jesse needs a couple more bouts to get his timing right, but this should not detract from Carroll's victory.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 142, was taken all the way in gaining an eight rounds points win against Dai Davies, Swansea, 141, by 79½-78½. Some fans didn't agree with the verdict, but the cleaner punching seemed to come from Taylor.

Pip Coleman, 119¾, conceded inches in height, but kept the pressure on to beat Ian Murray, Manchester, 120, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round with Murray cut by the right eye.

Another winner who conceded height was Selvyn Bell, Manchester, 128, who outpointed Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 126, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend—After giving British light heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson a close fight the previous week, Dennis Andries, Hackney, 175, underlined his ability by knocking out Tom Collins, Leeds, 178, in six.

Andries didn't have things all his own way in the early stages, and was handicapped by a cut mouth. It took him four rounds to sort things out, and after that he took over.

He looked good in the fifth, and after the referee had inspected the cut mouth, Andries decided it was time he made sure of victory. A right cross did the trick halfway through the sixth.

George Metcalf, Liverpool, 133, beat Kevin Doherty, West Ham, 136, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final session to save Doherty from further punishment.

Another sixth-round victory went to Doug Hill, Stoke, 130, the referee intervening when Bobby Baker, Croydon, 131, was cut by the left eye.

Curtis Marsh, 157, Battersea, outscored Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, by 39½-39. A close one, and substitute Hardiman, inactive for over a year, had only gone along as a spectator.

Lloyd James, Finchley, drew with Danny Miller, Manchester, over six.

▲St. Andrew's Sporting Club, Glasgow—Tommy Davitt, Ireland, 132¾, beat dual Scottish champion Willie Booth, 137½, but the ending was unsatisfactory. At the end of the third, Booth's cornermen called the referee over to inspect his left eyelid.

This was considered too serious for him to continue, and the injury afterwards necessitated several stitches.

Although Davitt appeared in front, it was too early to try and forecast a result.

Chris Sanigar, Bristol, 141½, kayoed Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 142, in three after decking him in round two.

Terry McKeown, Barrhead, 127½, made it seven in a row by narrowly outscoring Lee Graham, Enfield, 124, over six by 59½-58½. Both boxed superbly, with Graham starting well, and then tiring.

Pat Smythe, Greenock, 145, outpointed Liam Linnen, Coatbridge, 142, over six. Another narrow victory, scoreline 59½-59.

▲National Sporting Club, London—Substitute Roy Varden, Nuneaton, beat Central Area welter champ Terry Peterson, Leeds, the bout being stopped in the sixth with Peterson cut over the left eye.

Terry was to have defended his crown against Chris Glover.

Tony Zeni, Highgate, drew with Welshman Ceri Collins over eight. Collins impressed early on with neat jabbing, but Zeni varied his attacks well to take the second half of the fight.

In another drawn contest, George Walker, Highgate, shared honors with Harry Watson, Doncaster, also over eight.

The program was affected by the extreme weather conditions.

FELT FORUM

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—Johnny Turner, 146½, Brooklyn, almost had his dreams of world-wide boxing conquest shattered by Cemal "Turk" Kamaci, 145, Istanbul. Kamaci outmaneuvered Turner for the first five rounds, got inside his taller (by five inches) foe, and hit him with some good right hands. In the fifth, he knocked down Johnny with a left, and the Brooklyn kid was bleeding from a bad cut over the right eye when he went to his corner.

He came out for the sixth round like a wild man. Kamaci made the mistake of staying outside, and Johnny, desperate because of the cut, was able to go to work with sizzling rights to the face. The Turk took a bad beating in this round, and it seemed as though Turner would knock him out within the next two sessions.

There was no need for that, however. Kamaci had suffered a broken nose and was not permitted to answer the bell for the seventh.

Turner's come-from-behind win and his furious fighting in the sixth round made him, easily, the "Fighter of The Night."

In the ten-round co-feature, Eddie Gregory, 181, had little trouble from his one-time sparring partner, Dave Conteh, 177, and knocked him out with a terrific right in twenty-six seconds of the eighth round.

In the first round, Gregory caught Dave off balance and knocked him down with a blow to the body. Throughout the fight, he was in total command, dancing around Conteh, jabbing him at will, and hitting him with occasional right hands. Dave was never hurt, but he did nothing except pose. Eleven months of inactivity might have had something to do with his disappointing performance.

About the only thing that Conteh showed was heart. In the eighth round, Eddie opened up and floored him with a sensational right hand to the head. That punch would have knocked out any light heavyweight in the world, and just about any heavyweight as well. Conteh, however, woke up from the world to which Gregory had consigned him and, arms protecting his head, staggered across the ring to his opponent, set to continue the bout. Referee Joe Santarpia, however, ruled that he had had enough.

In the prelims: Luis Hubela, 136½, Brooklyn, won a lopsided four-round decision over inept David Vega, 137, Puerto Rico. (Vega is now 1-4-0); Luis Guzman, 177, Dominican Republic, outpointed Cornell Chavis, 179, Brooklyn, six; John Capobianco, 182½, Huntington, Long Island, New York, won a unanimous decision over John Gallagher, 184½, White Plains, New York, eight; "Irish" Paddy Dolan, 130, Northport, Long Island, New York, won a clear points victory over Joey Phillips, 130, Pittsfield, Mass., eight.

The paid attendance was 2,112 and the gross was $20,037.80.

JERSEY JABS

By ART MAXIM

▲JERSEY CITY — A crowd estimated at 2,500 witnessed one of Al Certo's finest cards at the Jersey City Armory, as six TKOs highlighted the eight-bout program.

New Yorker Arcadio (Pee Wee) Suarez won a ten round decision over Jersey City lightweight Justice Ortiz to stay unbeaten in twenty-two outings. It was the bloodiest and most exciting fight on the card. Each fighter was cut over the eye in the early going but continued to slug it out with the New Yorker getting the best of it. Suarez stunned Ortiz in the eighth with a left-right combination and although Justice mounted a rally in the ninth the decision was unanimous.

Mustafa Hamsho, a Bayonne resident by way of Latakia, Syria, came out at the opening bell and decked Secaucus middleweight Irish Pat Murphy. The Syrian controlled the second, and in the third, two powerful rights staggered Murphy, and when he continued to pound the Irishman, referee Vin Rainone stepped in and stopped the bout at 2:56 of the third.

Light heavyweight Ramon Ranquello of West New York stopped Ray J. Elson with fifty-nine seconds remaining in the third round. Ranquello, at 178 pounds, let go with a right and then a left to drop Elson. Ray got to his feet, however, ref Milo Savage halted the bout. Ranquello moved a notch closer to a hopeful match with champion Mike Rossman.

Local favorite Sal San Fillippo gained his tenth win since turning pro with a TKO of Sam Miller, New Haven, Conn., at 2:16 of the third in another light heavyweight battle.

In the other prelims, Irish Mike Duffy of Brooklyn scored a TKO over Jersey City's Kenny Kerinker; Harry DeCosey won a slugfest over Harry Mathews and Billy Connell claimed a quick TKO over Bert Whitehurst. Bayonne's Nino Gonzales stunned Darnell McCrea of Jersey City with a fifth-round TKO to remain unbeaten.

FISTICUFFS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

▲PHILADELPHIA — Local welter "Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell squeaked past crosstown rival Bobby Drewrey to score a unanimous decision at the Blue Horizon.

For a match that pitted a pair of counterpunchers, it was a surprisingly spirited contest that had the healthy crowd of over one thousand in a constant uproar.

Drewery, 148, forced the action the entire way but couldn't penetrate Rothwell's defense often enough to sway the judges. It was esentially a battle of left jabs with the nod rightly going to Rothwell.

It was "Skinny Jimmy's" second comeback win since he was blasted out by undefeated Detroit terror Thomas Hearns. The super cautious Rothwell upped his record to 16-2 with six KO's, but still has a long way to go before considering a rematch with Hearns.

Local puncher John "The Hammer" Howard, 158, stopped Upper Darby's "Dancing" Dan Snyder, 157, in the fourth round to top a fine undercard.

Howard softened Snyder with a fierce body attack, dropped him for an eight-count in the third and ended matters at 2:12 of the fourth. "The Hammer" is recently back from a three-win trip to Las Vegas and will liven up the local scene with his brand of slugging.

Unbeaten local Gary Hinton, 136, edged strong Michael Ross, 139, in the best fight of a good night. This see-saw scrap could have been ruled a draw and merits a return go.

North Philly's Greg Winston, 136, TKO'd brave Joe Turner, 137½, at 1:44 of the second to run his log to five straight wins with three kayoes. Greg is trained by George Benton and bears watching.

Daryl White, 160, opened the show with an action four-round decision over Trenton's game Harry Fryar, also 160.

The show was promoted by the Spectrum Boxing Department, Rus Peltz matchmaker.

▲UPPER DARBY — Eight years ago, Sammy Goss and Augie Pantellas were the hottest pair of featherweights on the East Coast and when they met at the Spectrum, close to ten thousand fans turned out to cheer them on. Goss won that night behind slick boxing and went on to garner the North American title before he hit the skids a few years ago. Patnellas quit the ring after a few more bouts and began a six-year battle with drug abuse. This popular duo met in a nostalgic rematch last month at the 69th Street Forum.

This time around, Patnellas was awarded a rather dubious ten-round decision that everybody in the press row felt should have gone the other way.

Although time has sapped both fighters of most of their skills it turned out to be an excellent, evenly matched bout. The capacity crowd of 1,500 gave them a well earned ovation at the final bell.

Goss, 130, showed that he still had a few tricks up his sleeve by making Augie miss again and again with his big guns. The 32-year-old veteran from Trenton, New Jersey scored well with left-hook counters to build an early lead.

Pantellas, known to his fans as the "Golden Greek", finally connected with a long right to the chin in the fifth round that spilled Sammy for an automatic eight-count.

Augie continued his rally over the next several frames and opened a cut over Goss' right eye. It looked like Pantellas, 130, was steaming to a stoppage win when Goss rallied in the ninth and tenth with a two-handed attack that forced Augie to give ground.

The official scores of 48-46, 47-42 and 48-44, all in favor of Pantellas, seemed baltantly unfair to the gallant loser. *The Ring* card had Goss ahead, 46-43. The verdict was the only blemish in what was a splendid little fight between two oldtimers having one last flint. Unhappily, both Augie, now 36, and Sammy want to carry on withtheir careers when it is obviously time to quit.

In the main prelim, local favorite Richie "The Bandit" Bennett, 162½, stopped South Philly's Jimmy Anderson, 160, in the eighth round after a good mix of game punchers.

Upper Darby's Vic Pappas, 139, popped Frankford's Billy Able, 136½, witha a wide left hook to score a third-round TKO.

Busy Pete Torres, 126½, N. Phila., decisioned Ken Carpenter, 124, Upper Darby, over four rounds of non-stop punching that had the crowd screaming.

Vineland newcomer Heriberto Torres, 125½, made good his pro debut by scoring a four-round decision over more experienced Pedro Lebron, 126, Chester. The baby-faced Torres showed an exciting, hooking style that should keep him very active.

Former middleweight Marty Feldman promoted the show, with J.R. Peltz putting together the matches.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

By JIM BUSS

▲ALLENTOWN — The biggest crowd to see a pro boxing card here in nearly thirty years turned out for the Larry Holmes and Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez spectacular in Central Catholic's Rockane Hall.

An estimated 3,500 fans saw an outstanding Lehigh Athletic Club promotion which saw World Boxing Council heavyweight king Holmes put on an exhibition of two rounds with Wendell Bailey and three rounds with Jodie Ballard, and Rodriguez score the biggest victory of his career.

Rodrigeuz, possessing a devastating left hook and solid right uppercut, stopped world class foe Leroy Haley of Las Vegas at 2:38 of the twelfth and final round. Haley weighed in at 137½ and Rodriguez at 140½, the latter the heaviest of his career.

Rodriguez had floored Haley with a beautiful and powerful hook to the head in the third round and then used two left hooks and a right to put the Nevadan down again in the seventh.

The end came in the twelfth, when Rodriguez again floored Haley with a picture left hook to the head. Haley got up but referee John Christopher wisely stopped it, as Haley was in no condition to continue.

The win boosted Rodriguez's record to 16-4 after two straight losses in England and South Africa and increased his chances of getting bigger and better matches.

For Haley, who just could not get started and was not the same after the third round knockdown, it was only his second loss against one draw and 37 victories, fourteen inside the distance.

It was the first time Haley had ever fought outside of his hometown of Las Vegas. His people had turned down a $5,000 offer to fight Bruce Curry to take the Rodriguez fight as a favor to Larry Holmes' backers.

Rodriguez displayed his best and hardest punching power ever, and frequently staggered the shorter Haley.

Rodriguez's trainer, John A. Florio, who also serves as his manager, said that "we'll fight any lightweight or junior welterweight in the world."

The undercard was nothing short of sensational. Allentown's Guico Sabastro, 133, made his pro debut and came out swinging to KO Philadelphian Crotez Jackson, 134, in just thirty-seven seconds; Allentown's Alseneo Green 137, floored Philadelphian Ronnie White 131, four times and stopped him at 1:01 of the second round for his seventh win in eight fights; and Allentown's Steve Michalerya 153, decked Tony Edwards 147, of Philly at 2:53 of the second round and broke the latter's nose.

It was a night area boxing fans will not forget for a long time.

OHIO JABS

By THOMAS JACOBS

▲RICHFIELD — The Coliseum in Richfield saw professional boxing return to its confines for the first time since February, 1975, when Muhammad Ali defeated Chuck Wepner in a heavyweight title fight. The crowd began arriving nearly an hour and a half before the first preliminary was scheduled to start—and quite an interesting crowd it was. Notables in attendance included former heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson, heavyweight contender Earnie Shavers, former heavyweight contender Pete Rademacher, and a number of active fighters. But, excluding celebrities, the assemblage lent credence to the claim that "boxing is back—for real!" It was like a family night with a surprisingly large number of fathers, mothers, and children in attendance, plus a good representation of young people. When the first bell sounded, 3,053 fans had gathered; and then were in for quite a show.

The main event pitted Frankie Kolovrat, 155, Cleveland, Ohio, against Mike Wyant, 155, Hamilton, Ohio, in what was billed as an elimination bout in the quest for an Ohio State junior middleweight champion. (The winner of the contest was to meet Steve Gregory for the crown.) Since neither Kolovrat nor Wyant have any sense of direction except forward, the fight was an epic. From the outset, the strategy of Kolovrat was clear: attack, get inside, crowd Wyant—he sported a five-inch height advantage over the Clevelander. For eight rounds, this strategy was a smashing success. Wyant would advance, take punches, advance, take more punches, and continue to advance. A lesser man would have crumbled such punishment—but not Wyant. The ex-Marine, who prides himself on his toughness, took everything Kolovrat had to throw—and still kept coming. As the bell sounded for round nine, it appeared that Wyant would never be able to solve the style of the pesky Kolovrat. With a little over a minute and a half left in the round, Mike Wyant caught up with a tired Frankie Kolovrat. A devastating left hook toppled the Clevelander for the first of three trips to the canvas. The last time was for the count, and Wyant was the winner via a ninth round kayo.

The main event had to be good because the semi-final was super. Charlie Johnson, 191½, Alliance, Ohio, took on Harry Terrell, 202, Cleveland, Ohio. If the Coliseum management had an award for most improved fighter to give that evening, Terrell would have won going away. Johnson *is* a fighter—and a smart one (he is currently working on an M.B.A. at Xavier University) and was coming off a West Coast win over Ibar Arrington. Tonight just was not his night. Johnson opened the bout aggressively; his strategy, apparently, was to work to the body of the bigger man and not allow Terrell to get set. For the first three rounds, Johnson crowded the Clevelander, but it was in round three that Terrell began to flurry. Those flurries soon changed to a storm of punches as Terrell began to fight with a rage to win. By round five, Terrell was obviously tired, but the momentum of the fight had changed. Johnson continued to bore in, but with a difference—instead of hitting, he was holding. Terrell kept firing throughout rounds six and seven, and Johnson's ability to reciprocate in any way diminished. At 1:45 of the eighth round, with Johnson bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth, the referee stopped the fight and awarded the win to Terrell.

In an evening full of classy contests, one fighter stood out: Albert (Earthquake) Carter, 140, Alliance, Ohio. His opponent was Harvey (Candyman) Wilson, 140½, Columbus, Ohio. Carter looks like he should be in the movies, not in the ring; but when it comes to fighting ability, he is reminiscent of another lightweight named Carter. The "Candyman" was bedecked in fringe: white trunks with red fringe, white shoes with red fringe, but his sartorial splendor did him little good as Carter completely dominated the fight. The first round was typical of first rounds, with both fighters feeling out each other. Apparently, Carter is much more perceptive than Wilson because the destruction of the "Candyman" got underway in the second round. Wilson went down twice from right hooks—the first knockdown was for the mandatory eight-count; the second was halted by the bell at seven. Round three was like an instant replay: Carter the agressor, Carter overwhelming, Wilson down for an eight-count and down again at the bell. At 0:26 of round four, Harvey "Candyman" Wilson went to sleep, and Albert (Earthquake) Carter had his tenth win against one loss.

Ralph Moncrief, 162¼, Cleveland, Ohio, used his height and reach and a piston-like left jab to bang out an eight-round decision over Johnny Heard, 161, Chicago, Illinois. Heard was on the defensive for the entire fight; it was later learned that he suffered a broken hand in the third round.

Using a hard right to the stomach, Bobby Sparks, 134¾, Portsmouth, Ohio, kayoed Charley Buggs, 139, Gahanna, Ohio, at 2:40 of the third round. Although Buggs was the quicker of the two, the Sparks punching power was just too much.

The record of Rick Noggle, 162½, Canton, Ohio, climbed to 3-0-0 with a second round knockout (2:15 of round #2) of Terry Smallridge, 157, Weston, West Virginia. However, Noggle, again, did not show much of the expertise that marked him as a top amateur; and, again, the calibre of his opponent left much to be desired. Smallridge entered the ring wearing tennis shoes, and he fought like he came to play tennis.

In the opening bout, Larry Morgan, 144, Cleveland, Ohio, won a four-round split decision over Dale Gordon, 140, Moundsville, West Virginia.

SOCTRON ACTION

By JAN D. ARONSON

▲CLEVELAND, OHIO — It was a homecoming party for Tap Harris, 27-0, at the Soctron fights in downtown Cleveland, and the young middleweight didn't disappoint his two thousand ardent admirers.

Tap took on a seasoned veteran in Fred Brown out of Norfolk, Virginia in the ten rounder and though the fight started slowly, it was soon evident that Tap's skills as a combination puncher were still in abundance.

By the third round, each fighter had felt each other out and figured it was the time to make his move. Tap drove into Brown's body with vicious combinations and occasionally landed a sharp left hook. Though Brown was on the receiving end, he proved himself to be defensively adept and sauntered back to his corner telling his trainers that "Harris doesn't have a punch that can hurt me."

In rounds four through six, the action was slow but when a punch did land, it was effective. Tap had Brown against the ropes a number of times but just couldn't put the wily veteran away.

In the seventh, Brown connected with an overhand right to Harris's forehead that left the crowd in complete and utter silence. But instead of aggressively taking charge, Brown spent so much time looking for that perfect opening that Tap soon cleared his head and finished the round with blazing combinations to his opponent's midsection.

The final three rounds belonged entirely to Harris and he retired to his dressing room with an overwhelming decision.

The end of the fight did pose certain questions, however. Tap has had a layoff of several months and his knockout power seemed to be dubious at best. Though his skill as a boxer is reknown, a finishing punch is mandatory if he is to fight the major contenders. Boxing Commissioner, Benny Spieth, summed it up best by saying, "The old Tap Harris would've taken this guy out in four. I just can't understand why the fight went ten rounds." Harris fights again soon and hopefully all these questions will be answered.

In the semi-final, light heavyweight Al Fracker lost on a TKO to Willie Crawford out of Columbus, Ohio. The fight seemed dead even going into the sixth round when Crawford opened a gash in the corner of Fracker's right eye and soon after the ringside doctor signalled the end of the contest.

In other bouts: Bill Kalinowski, 175, convincingly won a decision over Tony Curovic in six rounds; Little Manning Calloway destroyed Al Hauser in a six round welterweight battle; Mike McIntire, a heavyweight out of Cleveland halted Gus Turner by virtue of a TKO in the third; Stanley Scott, 178, TKO'd Tim Johnson in the second round.

LAS VEGAS AREA

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

▲LAS VEGAS — "Chief" Marvin Camel of Missoula, Montana, put the Indian sign on his opponent, Bob Heflin, of Greenville, Indiana, and dealt Heflin a TKO at 2:10 of the second round.

The scheduled ten-round bout of middleweights was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Camel pounded Heflin unmercifully throughout the fight, and was beating him so severely that referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the fight to avoid further injuries.

In a six-round semi-main, Chris Black, 156, of New York, scored a tight split decision over Fahim Mohammaed, 158, of Los Angeles.

Black appeared to be leading throughout the fight, but Judge Harold Buck scored 29-26 for Mohammad. Black was the winner on the other two cards, with Judge Charles Minker scoring 29-25 and Judge Bill Kipp scoring 28-27 for the New Yorker.

It was a short fight night, as all three preliminary bouts ended in early KO's.

In a scheduled six-rounder, Arturo Tebaqui, 105, of Tucson, Arizona, stopped Pedro Marentes, 110, of Phoenix, at 1:50 of the second round.

In a featherweight prelim, Vito Romero, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, managed a TKO over Francisco Pico, Los Angeles, as the bell sounded at the end of the second round.

The card opener ended at one minute of the first round, as Roland Edison, of Las Vegas, seemed unwilling to fight his opponent, Mike Burke, of Tujunga, Calif.

Edison's purse was held up by the Nevada Athletic Commission because of his unsportsmanlike conduct.

▲LAS VEGAS — Willie Daniels, of Trenton, New Jersey, thought he had won an easy victory over counterpuncher Al Hughes, of Selma, Indiana.

The crowd at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week was also convinced that Daniels was the victor, but the judges saw the scoring differently.

And Hughes, relying stictly on counterpunch tactics, walked away with the decision.

Another strange ending occurred in the welterweight semi-main event. Mauricio "El Gato" Aldano, 149, of Los Angeles, won a weird TKO over Bruce Strauss of Council Bluff, Iowa. Aldano nailed Strauss with a sharp straight right that sent him to the canvas at 1:12 of the first round.

Strauss attempted to get to his feet; but mis-read instructions from his corner to stay down until the count of eight. He was still down when Referee Richard Green counted to 10 and the end of the fight.

In a four-round prelim, Idika Nsofor, of Nigerian exchange student, was awarded a TKO over Amos James of Henderson, Nevada, when James failed to answer the bell for the fourth round.

James appeared to be leading on points throughout the first three rounds, but ran out of gas as a result of three years of inactivity.

A lightweight prelim resulted in another unpopular decision, as a draw was called in the bout between Salvador Huerte of Los Angeles and Arturo Silveria of Phoenix. Huerte appeared to be winning handily, but all three judges seemed to be watching different fights. Bob Martin scored 19-17 for Silveria, Alan Adler scored 19-17 for Huerte, and Lou Tabat called the bout an even 18-18. The net result was a draw.

In the card-opener of middleweights, Jimmy "Sugar Demon" Owens, of Las Vegas, returned to the ring after a year's layoff. Owens ring skills were rusty, and he was unable to cope with opponent Mike Westrich of Memphis, Tenn.

Owens stalled, held on, and was unable to throw a punch. The bout was stopped by referee Charley Roth at 2:44 of the second round, and a TKO was awarded to Westrich.

Owens was suspended indefinitely by Roy Tennison, executive secretary of the Nevada Athletic Commission.

▲LAS VEGAS — A pair of feisty featherweights gave Las Vegas fans one of the most exciting local fight nights in many months.

After intense ten-round action, Francisco Alvarado, 126½ of El Paso, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Jose Resendiz, 125, of Salt Lkae City.

Alvarado began his all-out attack in the second round, and continued until the end. The skillful, speedy Resendiz countered with several left hooks, and occasionally shifted to a southpaw style.

Resendiz managed to open a deep cut over Alvarado's left eye in the fifth round, but the cut did no damage to Alvarado's fighting skills. Both fighters jabbed and clinched alternately throughout the latter rounds, but Resendiz was shaky and out of gas from several of Alvarado's stinging rights.

In a scheduled six-round semi-main, Mauricio "El Gato" Aldana, 149 of Los Angeles, won a fifth round TKO over Nigerian exchange student Idika Nsofor, 150. Nsofor endured some brutal punishment until referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight seconds before the end of the fifth round.

A second semi-main also ended in a TKO. Chris Black, 160, of Las Vegas, TKO'd Ted Sanders, 162 of Fullerton, Calif. in a mere forty-eight seconds of the first round.

A middleweight prelim saw Mike Murray, 158 of Los Angeles, kayo Ed Bearden, 155, of Carson City, Nevada, at 2:02 of the second round.

Murray connected with a vicious right cross that spelled the end for the hapless Bearden.

In the card opener, Charles Roye, 171, of Las Vegas, score a TKO over William Banks, 174 of Las Vegas, at 2:30 of the third round.

Although Roye suffered a severe cut over his left eye from a butt in the first round, it was Banks who gave up the battle. "I'm tired", said Banks to his corner men, as he decided he had enough of the fight.

▲LAS VEGAS — Javier Ayala, of Los Angeles, California, fought for the first time in two and one-half years; and gave his younger opponent, Miguel Estrada, of El Paso, Texas, an unforgettable boxing lesson.

The junior welterweight bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week. And Ayala was in command throughout the ten-round action.

Estrada was fierce, but Ayala was the boss, as he administered constant straight rights, counter rights, and right cross punches that Ayala was unable to counter.

The excitement lasted the full ten rounds, with Ayala taking a unanimous decision.

In a bantamweight semi-main, Arturo Tebaqui, 112, of Tucson, Ariz. scored a Tko over Juan Banuelos, 116, of San Pedro Calif. at 2:12 of the sixth round.

Referee Buddy Basilico stopped the fight as Banuelos went down for the fourth time during the bout. Tebaqui had floored him with a straight overhand right in the first round, with a left hook early in the fifth, and with a right cross later in the fifth. A right uppercut sent Tebaqui down for the fourth and final time.

The preliminary bouts saw two Nevada fighters making their professional debuts.

Andres Montoya, 137½, of Las Vegas, Nevada, celebrated his first professional fight with an impressive and unanimous decision over Arturo Silveria, 135, Las Angeles.

Montoya's style is as colorful as his flaming red hair; and he worked, constantly, to his opponents body, and decked him midway in the fourth round with a brilliant left-right-left combination.

Garty Yeates, 162, of Reno, Nevada, was not so fortunate in his first professional fight, as he dropped a decision to Charlie Merritt, 160, of Santa Ana, Calif.

Yeates, a veteran of forty amateur fights, employed constant movement and piercing jabs, but Merritt's experience countered all his efforts effectively.

Both fighters lost their mouthpieces in a fierce exchange of blows during the third round. The fourth was equally exciting. But the unanimous decision went to Merritt, with all three judges scoring 19-17.

▲LAS VEGAS — Life was not so sweet for Candy Iglesias, the Phoenix, Arizona bantamweight, as he lost a unanimous decision to Johnny Carter, of Philadelphia.

Their ten-round bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Carter, fighting his fifth professional bout, and his first ten-rounder, looked like a veteran as he constantly kept Iglecias off balance, and scored with his own impressive combinations.

"I didn't try to knock him out", said the jubilant Carter. "I just boxed him, and it worked".

A heavyweight semi-main had a surprise ending as Mike Creel, 210, of Las Vegas, kayoed Dwight Hams, 190, of Los Angeles, at fifty-seven seconds of the fourth round.

Creel looked flabby and out-of-shape, as compared to Hams' superbly conditioned body. Hams appeared to be in command for the first two rounds. But Creel turned the tables in the third, sending Hams to the canvas once in the third, and again in the fourth for the final kayo.

In a six-rounder, Rufio Rojas, 129, of Los Angeles, won a majority decision over Ricky Samudio, 128, of Las Vegas. Rojas was the obvious winner from the opening bell, as Samudio appeared off balance and off his timing. However one judge, Art Lurie, gave the bout to Samudio, 27-25. Judge Harold Miller scored 28-26 for Rojas, and judge Lou Tabat's card read 29-26 for the victor.

In the card-opener, Tommy Cisneros, 141, of Las Vegas, won a TKO against Fred Contreras, 142, of Los Angeles. Contreras was unable to score or to counter, and referee Buddy Basilico stopped the fight at fifty-two seconds of the third round.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Leroy Jones beat Fili Moala, 10
Fred Askew beat John Kline, 8
Scott LeDoux stopped Jim Beattie, 3
Pete Holm kayoed John Robinson, 4
Glenn Morgan halted Ron Draper, 6
John Tate stopped Duane Bobick, 1
Willie Shannon beat John Kline,
Antonio Musladino stopped Marcos Tosto, 1,
Hecor Quinteros, 5
John Capobianco whipped John Gallagher, 8
Dave Johnson halted Al Byrd, 2
Ken Arlt whipped Mustafa El Amin, 6
Pinklon Thomas kayoed Roger Braxton, 6
Franco Thomas won over Elliott Bryant, 10
Steve Zouski knocked out Joe Maye, 8
Bill Connell stopped Leon Whitehurst, 2
Harry De Cosey beat Mustafa Beyah, 4
Albert Syben stopped Neville Meade, 4

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jeff Shelburg stopped Jim Cross, 3 (correction to Feb. issue)
Eddie Gregory halted Dave Conteh, 8
Javon Pratt halted Bobby Watkins, 1
Biff Cline kayoed Al Ware, 2
Marvin Camel stopped Robert Heflin, 2
Mike Burke stopped Roland Edison, 1
David Cabrera stopped Johnny Baldwin, 3
Edward Gonzalez halted Antonio Adame, 3
Manny Freitas halted Sam Miller, 5
Ramon Ranquello halted Ray Elson, 3
Sal San Fillippo stopped Sam Miller, 3
Rudi Koopman whipped Melvin Mott, 10
Toshiaki Suzuki kayoed Ken Oto,
Otis Gordon halted Don Melancon, 1
Javon Pratt beat Donald Wilson, 6
Marc Hans stopped Dan De Liberto, 3
Yaqui Lopez beat Jr. Albers, 3 (kayo 3)
Carlos DeLeon beat Bonaficio Avila, 2 (kayo 2)
Mickey Goodman beat Al Campbell, 1 (kayo 1)
Pat Cuillo beat Bobby Payne, 1 (kayo 1)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Odell Leonard knocked out Donald Norwood, 2
Mike Westrich stopped Jimmy Owens, 2
Chris Black whipped Fahim Mohammed, 6
Ignacio Lopez whipped Sharif DelaRam, 6
Dan Long halted Reinaldo Olivera, 1
Chris Black halted Ted Sanders, 2
Mike Murray kayoed Ed Bearden, 2
Alfredo Naveiras defeated Robert Powell, 10
Antonio Garrido decisioned Rogelio Zarza, 8
Stan Van Der Driessche kayoed Hendryk Seys, 5
Gerard Nosley defeated Joel Bonnetaz, 10
Matteo Salvemini halted Freddie Boynton, 2
Raymond Langewouters stopped Daniel Bouleux, 5
Claude Martin defeated Michel Chapier, 10
Fernand Marcotte was halted by Ray Leoanard, 8
Melvin Dennis stopped George Aidoo, 5, lost to Tony Licata, 10
Wilbert Crews lost to Henry Bunch, 6
Alan Minter beat Rudy Robles, 10
Mike Colbert halted Willie Baldwin, 6
Tony Chiaverini beat Joe Gonzalez, 10
David Love beat Bennie Briscoe, 10
Marvin Hagler stopped Ray Seales, 1
Keith Broom halted by Sammy Nesmith
Dwight Davison halted Ben Sanchez, 2
Robby Epps beat Mike Hallacy, 10
William Scypion beat Freddy Joshnson, 10

WELTERWEIGHTS

Alain Ruocco halted Antonio Torsello, 10
Gianni Molesini hlated Ciro Seta, 9
(Italian Welterweight Title)
Ray Leonard stopped Fernand Marcotte, 8
Mitsuo Kushikino kayoed Noboru Kokida, 10
B. Buchanan beat Billy Miller, 8
Akio Kakeda halted Kim Yong-Taek, 6
Danny Donatto stopped Prisciliano Castillo, 4
Randy Shields beat Jose Palacios, 10
Alfredo Logan won over Vito Meredith, 5
Tommy Hearns stopped Sammy Ruckard, 8
Howard Jackson beat Kevin Morgan, 2
Bruce Thompson beat Curtis Taylor
(WBA Welterweight Title)
Johnny Turner halted Cemal Kamaci, 6
Dale Staley stopped Marvin Ladson, 2
Mauricio Aldana halted Bruce Strauss, 1
Amos James lost via kayo to Idicks Nsofor, 3
Jose Cuevas kayoed Scott Clark, 2
Dave Green halted Dave Rhiney, 5
(British and European Welterweight Title)
Nino Gonzalez kayoed Donnell McCrea, 5
Horace McKenzie defeated Frank Albertus, 8
Gerard Bok and Barry Price Drew, 8
Leandre Luigiery defeated Mohammed Bouziani, 6
Richard Rodriguez beat Frank Decaestecker, 8

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Maurice Watkins kayoed Richie L. Roberts, 3
Tony Petronelli stopped Charlie Benjamin, 8
Arcadio Suarez defeated Justice Ortiz, 10
Luciano Navarra halted Francesco Gallo, 2
Juan Jose Gimenez beat Oscar Aparicio, 10
Eupremio Epifani defeated Augusto Quadri, 6
Masahiro Yokai beat Kwangsun Kim, 10
Katsuhiro Okubo kayoed Keichi Hamamoto, 1
Robert Jackson stopped John Morgan, 1
Sean O'Grady halted Juan Garcia, 2
Saloman Lopez kayoed Luis Piceno, 3
Rick Folstad halted Joe Medrano, 8
Willie Rodriguez beat Leroy Haley, 12
Sammy Ayala whipped John Copeland, 10
Jimmy Heair kayoed Robert Spencer, 3, Juan Panchi, 5
John Turner halted Cemal Kamaci, 6

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Paddy Dolan beat Joey Phillips, 8
Luis Hubela won over David Vega, 4
Mario Tiano halted Gerardo Scognamilgio, 4
Al Hughes whipped Willie Daniels, 10
Sal Huerte and Arturo Silveria drew 4
Viterbo Ramas kayoed Roberto Elizondo, 7
Gary Pittman was stopped by Sergio Nualart, 7
Ralph Racine kayoed Georges Cotin, 8
Jose Garcia stopped Michel Lirola, 5
Christian Garcia defeated Diuseppe Agate, 8
Didier Kowalski halted Arthur Fogueiro, 3
(French Lightweight Title)
S. Williams stopped J. Montemayor, 2
Joe Lim halted Petsayam Petcharoen, 9
Alex Infante stopped Boy Margallo, 1
Petronillo Velasquez won over Alfredo Carranza, 6
Julio Mendez beat Alfredo Carranza, 8
Gonzalo Montellano beat Moses Carbin, 10
Rodger Bucheli lost to Alex Oregel, 10
Rosendo Ramirez lost to Valentin Holguin, 6
Andrew Ganigan halted Elpidio Valdez, 2
Terry Welch stopped Salvador Huerta, 3
Tommy Rose was halted by Graten Hart, 3
Hilmer Kenty kayoed Juan Gonzalez, 8
Louis Hubela stopped David Vega, 4

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alexis Arguello knocked out Alfredo Escalera, 13
(WBC Jr. Lightweight Title)
Angelo Licata and Andre Balanco Drew, 6
Masahiro Yokai halted Kwang Sun Kim, 8
Shigeyuki Otake beat Shoici Abe, 8
Choi Moon-Suk halted Ryu Fukida, 11
(OPBF Jr. Lightweight Title)
Andre Mordecai halted Tyrone Johnson, 1
Ruben Castillo halted Robert Perez, 3
James McNeece beat Sergio Nualarte, 6
Sam Serrano whipped Dablito Valdez, 15
(WBA Jr. Lightweight Title)
Arturo Leon beat Joe Medrano, 10
Robert Perez kayoed Eddie Freeman

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Derrick Holmes halted Rodell Stevenson, 3
Vito Romero knocked out Francisco Pico, 3
Francisco Alvarado beat Jose Resendiz, 10
Potito De Muro defeated Antonio Franca, 8
Hiroyuki Iwamoto defeated Satoru Hirata, 10
Ruben Castillo beat Eder Borude, 10
Pisawong Wansari hlated Enesto Grafe, 8
Flash Eguin knocked out Gener Cruz, 6
Abe Garcia beat Danilo Mejia, 4
George Zuniga whipped Jesse Montemayor, 6
Arturo Rojas knocked out Mike Garza, 6
Juan Escobar stopped Jose Luis Lara, 4
Tereso Olivares was stopped by Jose Caba, 3
Alberto Collazo whipped Bobby Alexander, 10
Augie Pantellas beat Sammy Goss, 10

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Johnny Carter outpointed Candy Eglecias, 10
Hurricane Teru defeated Susumu Shinba, 10
Americo Suarez beat Jorge Martinez, 10, Ricardo Gomez, 10
Julio Saba halted Carlos Reyes Sosa, 4
Jose Narvaiz and Nico Perez drew, 10
Sergio Palma beat Diego Ramierez, 3 (foul)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Heleno Gerreira and Melquiades Da Silva fought to No Contest, 3
Syuichi Isogami beat Yu Kasahara, 10
Javier Flores kayoed Mel Johnson,
Jose Bautista Flores kayoed Manuel Ruelas, 2
Kid Meza won over Noel Arriesgado, 10
David Ramalho stopped Ramon Cruz, 1
Nick Perez beat Mel Johnson, 10

FLYWEIGHTS

Betulio Gonzalez and Shoji Oguma drew, 15
(WBA Flyweight Title)
Arturo Tebaqui stopped Pedro Marentes, 2
Giovanni Camputaro and Franco Buglione Drew, 12
Charlie Magri kayoed Filippo Belvedere, 1
Yoko Guishiken knocked out Rigoberto Marcano, 7
(WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Kazumasa Tamaki stopped Guraman Ueda, 8
Tsugumasa Toma won over Yusuke Yuguchi, 10
Kobomura Tomahisa halted Masami Sekiyama, 9
Ver Libradilla kayoed Jun Bobier, 6
Oscar Almario and Nocolas Mitra, drew 4
Masami Sekiyama stopped Kubomura Tomihisa, 9
Ramon Soria beat Miguel Angel Lazarte, 12
(Argentine Flyweight Title)
Fred Jackson halted Ernie Woolridge, 5
Orlando Maldonado stopped Julio Gerrero, 8

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Wilford Scypion halted Fred Johnson, 8
Mauricio Aldana halted Idika Nsofor, 5
Jimmy Batten beat Aundra Love, 8
Gilbert Cohen hlated Tony Lopes, 1
Mustafa Hamsho stopped Pat Murphy, 3
Mike Duffy knocked out Pete O'Keefe, 2
Akio Kameda kayoed Yong Taek Kim, 6
Angel Espada stopped Sam Hailstock, 9
Roland Pryor halted Tyrone Phelps, 9
C.J. Faison knocked out Butterfly Hughes, 1
Enrique Silva won over Larry Myers, 6
Bert Lee stopped Jorge Fernandez, 9
Bruce Strauss won over Ossie Quast, 6
Chuckie Daszkewiecz beat Jim Hearn, 8

CHARLIE WEIR

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shook the youngster rigid. All Weir wanted was to get back in the ring with Hali again.

Charlie was matched against German Wolfgang Gans, and won easily on points over eight rounds.

The Hali-Weir rematch was made. Was this the moment of truth? Was Weir as good as everyone said or was he just another one of those flash in the pan fighters?

In the first round, Weir boxed like a veteran, and had Hali in trouble. Towards the end of the round, Hali landed his tremendous southpaw left on Weir's chin, sending him to the ropes. Weir seemed unsteady at the bell. The second round started with both fighters letting bombs fly. Hali was more effective and it seemed as though everything was over for Weir, as Hali was landing real solid punches that would have downed any other fighter. But Weir saw an opening, and shot out the best straight right seen in years, catching Hali flush on the chin. Down he went, doing a summersault. He beat the count. Weir was on top of him, pounding him from pillar to post. Hali was up against the ropes defenceless. Thus, Weir got his sweet revenge in no uncertain manner. The referee, Stanley Christodoulou, one of the top third men in the world today, called a halt in the second, saving Hali from suffering further punishment.

Weir was back, and everybody wanted the "Silver Assassin". He thereafter destroyed Syd Bench in three, Doug Lumley in two, Mike Hallacy in seven, and Steven Smith in two. Mike Baker was disqualified in six for fouling and was on his way out when thrown out the ring by the referee.

Weir boxes exclusively for Golden Gloves promotions in South Africa, the directors being three attorneys. The matchmaker is Maurice Toweel, who promoted Pierre Fourie in three world titles, against Bob Foster once, and on two occasions against Victor Galindez.

Willie and Maurice Toweel saw Hugo Corro in action against Rodrigo Valde, over fifteen rounds, and are confident that Weir will stop Corro, if and when the two should meet for the world title.

Charlie Weir is ready for the big guns, and watching him in action, one is inclined to agree with the Toweel brothers and Golden Gloves (Pty), Ltd., promoter Rodney Berman, when they say "Weir is a superstar fighter/puncher and nothing is likely to stand in the way of his winning a world title. He is simply terrific." And so say all of us.

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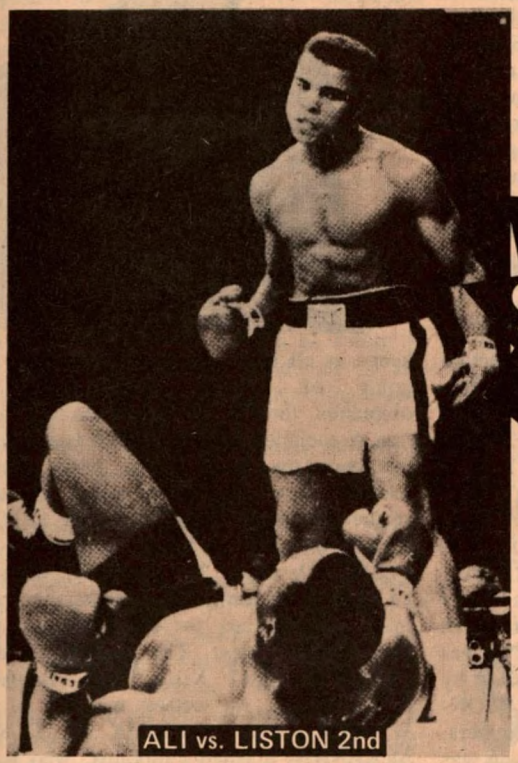

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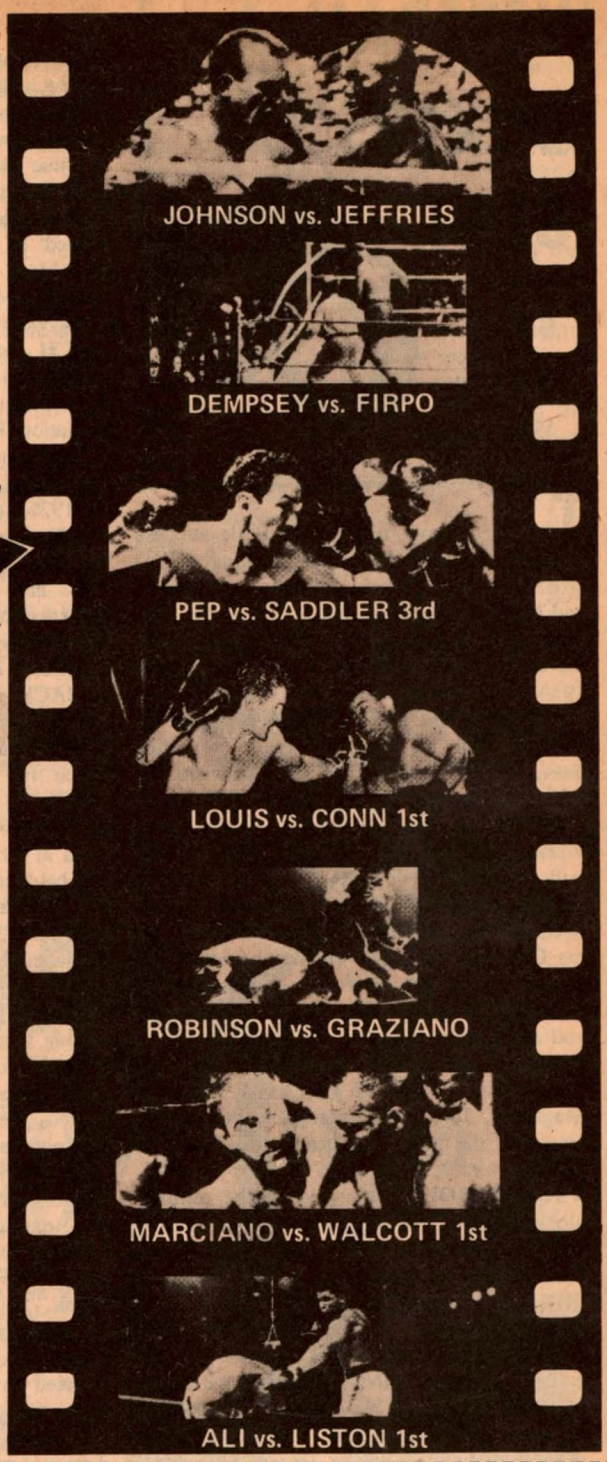

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

The U.S. Team had considerable success in Europe and VINCE recalls he fought SYD GIBSON, the British Amatour champion, and beat him in the second round at the Empress Hall in London. The British team met the United States team at St. Nick's Arena in 1954. The British champion this time was NEVILLE AXFORD; he also was beaten by VINCE. Due to being "pegged" for stardom, VINCE was invited to appear on the PAL-telecast with RUBY GOLDSTEIN over NBC-TV. He also appeared on national television with the late ED SULLIVAN and with FLOYD PATTERSON after winning various titles. He won the coveted LOU MURACA award for being the best boxer in the City and Inter City championships at St. Nick's Arena. At Wisconsin University, he won the 156-pound National Collegiate title and also received the full treatment in *Sports Illustrated* April 1956. The feature was entitled, "Quite A Boy At Madison." *The Ring* Magazine, July 1956 (page 30), proclaimed Vince as the best "Services" middleweight and had VINCE pictured with a General. VINCE FERGUSON served in the military along side his life-long pal, Sgt. CARLOS ORTIZ. As a pro, VINCE had seven bouts, winning six. His father, trainer ED FERGUSON, who trained CARLOS ORTIZ prior to CARLOS winning his first world title from JOE BROWN, asked him to quit and become a manager. VINCE managed the career of formidable BILLY MUNOZ. He became a respected real estate broker and was executive director of the largest real estate company in New York, The Wellington Associates, and supervised over four hundred buildings managed by him for the subsidiary, Plaza Management Company. VINCE is a respected and popular referee with the New York State Athletic Commission. Contact: 653 East 14th Street, Apt M.E., New York, N.Y. 10009. . . .

A famous judge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin is ORVILLE PITTS. He was an excellent boxer and was a member of the team at Wisconsin University. He was "All Service" 179-pound champion and also "National Champion." In the service he was with the U.S.A.F. and also became a formidable and well known professional. . . .Carlos Ortiz, former two-time lightweight champion of the world and world junior welterweight champion, is now doing a great job as Director of Cultural Affairs for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 304 Park Avenue South, New York City. The right man for the job. . . .Walter Cartier, former French middleweight professional star, is reported to be in the trucking business in Brooklyn, New York. . . .Known as "The Astoria Assassin," former world light heavyweight champion PAUL BERLENBACH was hit by an automobile and received injuries to his hip and arms. The founder and president of Veteran Boxers Association Ring 21, of Brooklyn, born Feb. 18, 1901, he started as a wrestler, winning the A.A.U. lightheavyweight championship in 1920. As an amateur boxer, he became the National A.A.U. heavyweight champion in 1922. As a pro, he fought from 1923 and 1933 and engaged in 49 bouts, winning 30 by knockout. He beat MIKE McTIGUE in New York City, May 30, 1925, to capture the world light heavy crown. He lost the title to JACK DELANEY at Brooklyn, July 16, 1926, over fifteen rounds. PAUL BERLENBACH was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1971. Send cards to PAUL by writing to 105 East 15 Street, New York, N.Y. 10009. . . .VINCE DeSANTIS was born at Bristol, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1911. He became interested in boxing at a tender age, had eighty amateur bouts, winning all but one. He became a pro in 1929, was managed by JOHN DeLUCA and trained by REDS BOTTLEMACE and ANDY BLONDHEIM. He defeated many good fighters, among them PETE DeANGELIS, which was billed as for the Area lightweight title and he won. After nearly forty pro bouts, VINCE retired. He served his country during WW2 and once served a stint guarding the national gold reserves at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After an honorable discharge from the service, he was employed by the American Brewery Company and recently retired after forty years with the company. With his brother, Frank, he operates a family owned "The Venice Tavern," at 339 South Conklin Street, Baltimore, Md. VINCE is happily married to JANE, and they have four sons and a daughter. He is on the Committee of the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame, and a director of IVBA, Ring 101, Baltimore, Maryland. . . .The Veteran Boxers Association of Northern California held their eleventh Annual Dinner and Dance at San Francisco and the Guests of Honor were JOE MITCHELL and PAUL NEGRI. It was a successful affair. . . .VBA Ring 21 of Brooklyn, N.Y. held its eighteenth Annual Dinner and Dance at Micali Terrace, and it was a jam-packed affair. The chairman of the dinner, SAMMY VENTI and the co-chairman, SAM MARKOWITZ, told me it was the best ever. Honorees were COSMO CASSANDRA, FRANKIE ROSS ROLAN, TOMMY FRANCES, CHARLES LARKIN, JOEY NELSON, and GEORGE PERRI. Former contender JOE MULLI, resplendant as always, did a great job. SAMMY VENTI

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ALAN MINTER OUTPOINTS RUDY ROBLES IN TEN

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working, but leaving himself open. Fortunately, Robles was never able to take advantage of this.

Minter right-jabbed and left-crossed his opponent almost at will at times, but Robles is a tough cookie, and took everything his opponent had to offer, with the occasional wobble when Alan landed a really good shot.

There were occasions, too, when Robles landed some good punches with both hands, especially right hooks, but these had no effect on the Britisher.

Soon Robles was cut over the left eye, and he also had a nick by the right eye.

It wasn't an exciting fight, but a fascinating one, with Minter showing bags of confidence and boxing even better than before. He rarely wasted a shot, kept out of a war except the odd occasion when he forgot in the heat of the moment, and, all in all, things augur well for his forthcoming world title shot.

Alan didn't escape completely uninjured. His mouth was swollen, but he shrugged it off afterwards as "nothing."

Occasionally, Robles would cut loose, hurling several swings in a short space of time, more hopefully than with any set plan, but, in the main, he was fully occupied in checking Minter's accurate jabbing. The latter's footwork, too, was impeccable.

When the scoreline was announced, Minter went to all four corners of the ring to acknowledge the plaudits of his fans, and, indeed, applauding them for their support. He embraced Robles, who had contributed to the spectacle, and it was an extremely clean contest.

Robles was loud in his praise of Minter. "He will beat Corro," said Rudy. "In fact, Alan is the best pro I have ever met." This was not flattery. He meant every word, and his aching body was proof.

Minter was naturally overjoyed. "I learned a lot from Robles," he declared. "I thought I paced the fight well. Not so long ago I would probably have gone in rashly to try and stop him, and might well have got caught. Not now.

"I did what I had to do, and showed him the respect he deserved. But I can assure everyone that if it had been the world champ in there they would have seen a different Alan Minter."

Whether Alan will fight again before his world title shot is in the laps of the gods. There was talk of another contest the following month at the same venue, but this would be cutting it a bit fine. There is obviously nothing wrong with his fitness or his sharpness.

Alan was recently elected Boxer Of The Year by the members of the London Ex-Boxers' Association, and received the Dave Crowley Memorial Trophy at their Annual Dinner. In reply, he said it was a great honor to receive such a trophy on the votes of boxers who had been through it all themselves, and knew what they were voting for. Also on the Wembley bill, Colin Powers regained the British light welterweight title by outpointing champion Clinto McKenzie over fifteen rounds by 148-147.

An excellent contest, with little in it. Powers' accuracy was matched by McKenzie's heavier punching.

British amateur heavyweight champ Joe Awome made his pro debut a winning one, stopping Clive Beardsley in two rounds. Joe is managed by Mickey Duff, who is also the promoter at the Wembley Conference Centre, an excellent venue with air-conditioning and all "mod cons."

Joey Mack stopped Mick Mills in the third; Johnny Waldron outpointed Shaun Chalcraft. Full details next month.

GONZALEZ RETAINS CROWN

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ute mark, Gonzales went down from a sticky body bombardment by Oguma, who was grabbed by Gonzalez as the latter fell and hit the deck with him simultaneously.

The third man called it a mutual slip.

In the fifteenth and final round, both seemed to exhaust most of their stamina. But Gonzalez, an upright stylist, took the session by some straight rights at the game but wild swinger.

The bout was a total war.

Ramiro Machard, the manager of Gonzalez, said, shrugging his shoulders. "My boy was not in good shape. If required by Oguma, we will give him a return." While each fighter insisted the victory was his, Oguma's manager, Shichiro Kimura, angrily protested against the official verdict. "We wuz robbed! My southpaw has won with three points leading. People actually saw Gonzalez knocked down in round fourteen." Owing to the Japan Commission's request on the next day, WBA Championship Committee chairman M.G. Mortimer permitted Gonzalez and Oguma to meet again several months later. But their fourth encounter will be seen only after the Venezuelan succeeds in his compulsory defense with hard-punching ex-champ Guty Espadas.

A drawn game used to divide the opinions of the major papers here. This time, however, all agreed that the decision should have been given to Oguma.

For Gonzalez, who had a very tough time, it was his third draw against sixty-seven wins, including forty-four kayoes and seven defeats.

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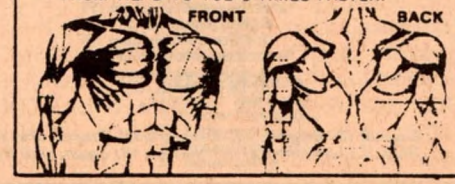

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

Berlin — Briton Henry Rhiney's reign as European welterweight champion lasted only fifty-three days. The title he won by beating Josef "Tiger" Pachler of Austria, on December 2nd last, was won by fellow countryman Dave Green, the fight being stopped with two minutes gone of round five. This was the first European title fight of 1979 and it was the fifty-first in which the two boxers were British. Rhiney (27) was born in Jamaica and came to Britain when he was fifteen. He took up boxing a couple of years later and has now had fifty or more bouts. In June, 1977, Dave Green was kayoed in eleven when he fought world champion Carlos Palomino. Dave vacated the European title he won by beating Jean Baptiste Piedvachi of France in order to accept this world title date with Palomino.

Holland is in need of a European champion and Rudi Koopmans is the fighter that could oblige when he meets light heavyweight champion Aldo Traversaro, Italy. If he fails this year, then Holland will have to look elsewhere for a champion. Koopmans is thirty, and time waits for no man. Fighting Mack was Holland's last champion, reigning ten years ago. Herman van T'Hoff was the first, winning the light heavyweight crown on January 5, 1926, when he beat Louis Clement of Switzerland, who retired in the sixth. Van T'Hof's reign lasted only six months, for he found his master in Fernand Delarge, Belgium, losing on points. Bep van Kleveren of Holland won the European lightweight title in 1931 and the middleweight crown in 1938. Rudi Koopmans' recent win was over American Melvin Mott on points. The Dutchman took no chances, but won without a great deal of trouble or effort.

Boxing in Germany sinks lower and lower. The last European title fight featuring a German Boxer was in December, 1977 when Jorge Eipel lost his welterweight title to Frenchman Alain Marion. The three dozen or so active boxers are governed by two bodies, the *Bundes Deutscher Berufsboxer* and the *Verband Der Faustkamfer*. A recent meeting with members of both at the same table ended with each group going its own way again. As a result the EBU continues it's ban on Germans fighting for the European title.

The Spaniards are in a strong position in Europe with four champions, Alfredo Evangelista (heavy), Fernand Sanchez (junior welter), Roberto Castanon (feather) and Nino Rodriguez (bantam). Britain, however, has asked the EBU to ban European titles in Spain, claiming that British boxers fighting there have been short changed and pushed around. Billy Aird and Jim Watt, it is said were not paid in full for their bouts with Evangelista and Fernandez. Colin Powers, defending against Fernand Sanchez, discovered his dressing room was nothing less than a cow shed and when Dave Needham and Company refused to fight a fifteen-rounder with feather champion Robert Castanon, demanding a twelve-framer in accordance with the new EBU rule, all were threatened with jail.

ITALY

▲**Capua** — Flyweights: Franco Buglione outscored Germano Marini, eight.

▲**Trieste** — Junior middles: Ivan Simugia, Yugoslavia, decisioned Mario Favotto, six.

▲**Ravenna** — In a bout for the Italian bantamweight title, Alfredo Mulas outpointed Luigi Tessarin, twelve. Welterss: Joey Gibilsco, Australia, TKO'd Giovanni Maiorano, six.

▲**Milan** — Junior welters: Giuseppe Corbo outscored Francesco Gallo, ten. Lightweights: Brian Schofield, Australia, stopped Biagio Pierri, six. Giovanni Vitillo halted Giovanni Carrino, six.

▲**Pesara** — Heavyweights: Alfio Righetti kayoed Greg Johnson, U.S.A., four. Junior Welters: Juan Jose Giminez TKO'd Rufus Miller, U.S.A., four. Bantams: Valerio Nati knocked out Giulio Greco, five. Junior lightweights: Damiano Lassandro halted Nicola Sassanelli, five.

▲**Rome** — Middles: Nicola Cirelli stopped Mario Favotto, two. Light heavyweights: Lino Lemma kayoed Floriano Bonacin, three.

▲**Firenze** — Lightweights: Vincenzo Burgio outscored Eloy Emiliano De Souza over eight rounds. Feathers: Franco Siddu outpointed Abass Macauley, eight.

▲**Riccione** — Welters: Pierangelo Pira knocked out Giuseppe Russi, four. Junior welters: Luigi Curcetti and Roberto D'Elia drew their six-rounder.

▲**Pisa** — Lightweights: Bruno Simili outscored Giovanni Mannu, six.

▲**Capua** — Lightweights: Alfonso Carrillo outscored Angelo Emili, six. Luigi De Rosa decisioned Mario Ficano, six.

▲**Rome** — Welters: Salvatore Cascio outpointed Biase, four. Pietro Callara outscored Guido Galletti, four. Pietro Callara then won the final of this welter competition, outscoring Salvatore Cascio, five.

▲**Forli** — Junior lightweights: Mariano Angeli TKO'd Gregorio Ciancaglione, five. Heavyweights: Augusto Dalmonte stopped Angelo Visini, four. Bantams: Valerio Nati kayoed Salvatore Laconi, stopped three.

▲**Milan** — Heavyweights: Alfio Righetti knocked out Joe Roman, U.S.A., two. Caludio Cassanelli stopped Antonio Tescione four. Feathers: Silvio Ortis TKO'd Vincenzo Morana, five. Junior middles: Alvaro Scarpelli halted Luigi Minchillo, four. Lights: Bruno De Montis TKO'd Gerardo Scognamiglio, three.

▲**Bellaria** — Junior welters: Joey Gibilisco knocked out Alfonso Bonavita, one. Welters: Francesco Morrone outscored Ivan Visani, six. Junior middles: Daniele Zappaterra kayoed Angeko Fenu, three.

▲**Milan** — Junior middles: Donato Romano outscored Serge Sinelnikov, six. Feathers: Potito Di Muro decisioned Pietro Donati four. Vincenzo Di Bari outpointed Michele De Mita, four. Potito Di Muro then won this feather competition; outscoring Vincenzo Di Bari, four.

▲**Torvaiancia** — Bantamweights: Giancarlo Ravaioli decisioned Giovanni Scarpati, six.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Champion: Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. John L. Gardner (GB)
2. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Les Stevens (GB)
5. Tony Moore (GB)
6. Al Syben (B)
7. Paul Sykes (GB)
8. Denton Ruddock (GB)
9. Hennie Thoonan (G)
10. Felipe Rodriguez (S)

Light Heavyweights
Champion: Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Y)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Rudi Koopmans (H)
4. Avenamar Peralta (S)
5. David Conteh (GB)
6. Bunny Johnson (GB)
7. Hocine Tafer (F)
8. Emilio Cometti (I)
9. Sylvain Watbled (F)
10. Robert Amory (F)

Middleweight
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
4. Frank Lucas (GB)
5. Bunny Sterling (GB)
6. Matteo Salvemini (I)
7. Alfredo Natieras (B)
8. Tony Sibson (GB)
9. George Steinherr (G)
10. Michael Stini (B)

Junior Middleweights
Champion: Gilbert Cohen (F)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Marijan Benes (Yugo)
3. Andoni Amana (S)
4. Jimmy Batten (GB)
5. Frank Wissenbach (G)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Damiano Lassandro (I)
8. Luigi Minchillo (I)
9. Adrie Huusen (H)
10. Dave Proud (GB)

Welterweights
Champion: Dave Green (GB)
1. Henry Rhiney (GB)
2. John H. Stracey (GB)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Jorgen Hansen (GB)
5. Alain Marion (F)
6. Josef Pachler (A)
7. Hans Hendrick Palm (D)
8. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
9. Alois Carmeliet (B)
10. Louis Arcaries (F)

Junior Welterweights
Champion: Fernand Sanchez (S)
1. Colin Powers (GB)
2. Guiseppe Martinese (I)
3. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
4. Cemal Kamaci (T)
5. Claude Lormeau (F)
6. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
7. Des Morrison (GB)
8. Giovanni Carrino (I)
9. Tommy Davitt (GB)
10. Francesco Galla (I)

Lightweights
Champion: Jim Watt (GB)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Charlie Nash (GB)
3. Vincenzo Quero (I)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Andre Holyk (F)
6. Rosario Sanna (I)
7. Johnny Claydon (GB)
8. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
9. Manuel Valesquez (S)
10. Angola Provenzano (I)

Junior Lightweights
Champion: Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
2. Ramon Marichal (S)
3. Elio Cotena (I)
4. Carlos Hermandez (S)
5. Aristide Pizzo (I)
6. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
7. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
8. Maurice Apeang (F)
9. Nino Jimenez (S)
10. Georges Cotin (F)

Featherweights
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Dave Needham (GB)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Salvatore Malluzzo (I)
5. Les Pickett (GB)
6. Nani Rodriguez (S)
7. Gerard Jacob (F)
8. Jimmy Flint (GB)
9. Michel Lefbvre (F)
10. Albert Amatler (F)

Bantamweightweights
Champion: Juan Francisco Rodriguez
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Esteban Eguia (S)
3. Johnny Owen (GB)
4. Alfredo Mulas (I)
5. Laurent Grimbert (F)
6. Guy Caudron (F)
7. Vicente Rodriguez (S)
8. Luigi Tessarin (F)
9. Guiseppe Fossati (I)
10. Dave Smith (GB)

Flyweights
Champion: Franco Udella (I)
1. Charlie Magri (GB)
2. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Mariano Garcia (S)
5. Manuel Carrasco (S)
6. Franco Buglione (I)
7. Claude Tanda (I)
8. Sabatino De Filippo (I)
9. Filipo Belvedere (I)
10. Christian Martin (F)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (Fn) Finland) (G) Germany; (GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Sw) Sweden; (Y) Yugoslavia.

▲**Rome** — Welters: Libero Moi outpointed Luis Ribeiro, eight.

▲**Cagliari** — Welters: Antonio Stocchino outscored Antonio Casamonica, eight.

▲**Colle Val D'Elsa** — Junior welterweights: Patrizio Burini stopped Graziano Gusai, three. Bruno Simili outscored Palmiro Pizzata, eight.

▲**Rovigo** — Light heavyweights: Gino Freo decisioned Bruno Polloni, eight.

▲**Ascoli Piceno** — Heavyweights: Leopoldi Centorrino outpointed Vasco Faustinho, eight. Welters: Ali Ben Saad stopped Marco Bottiglieri, two.

▲**Rimini** — Welterweights: Pierangelo Pira outpointed Remo Costa, eight.

▲**Pavia** — Bantamweights: Mario Bitetto outscored Michele De Marco, six.

HOLLAND

▲**Rotterdam** — Light heavyweights: Rudi Koopmans, Holland, outscored American Melvin Mott, over ten rounds. Welterweights: Briton Horace McKenzie decisioned Frank Albertus, Holland, eight. Lightweights: Gerard Bok, Holland, and Briton Barry Price, shared the points in their eight-rounder. The referee made it all square with one official making Price the winner and the other Bok. Middleweights: Alex Blonchard knocked out German Klaus Hein, four. Rogelio Zarza lost his eight-rounder to Antonio Garrido.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

▲**CAPE TOWN** — Sydney Hoho won the South African light heavyweight title at the Good Hope Centre by outpointing Kosie Smith in a hard fought battle over twelve rounds before a crowd of four thousand. Smith, out of action since April last year, started well with jabs to the body and eagerly tried for a quick ending. He won the round, but was bleeding from his left eye due to a clash of heads. Hoho took command in the second and had Smith weaving and swaying as he poured leather from all angles. Smith's eye worsened, but corner work by Pierre Fourie kept Kosie in the fight. Smith missed badly with hooks in the third as Hoho was content to pick his punches. Hoho went further ahead in the fifth, and it was obvious that Smith's long lay-off did him no good. In the eighth round, Smith, bleeding badly, jerked Hoho's arm as referee Alan O'Connor ordered them to break and Hoho cried out, holding his left arm. Hoho was hurt and he was given five minuted to recuperate. Hoho then tore into Smith with a vengeance, but slowed down in the next two rounds. Smith tried his utmost to end the fight but Hoho was a clear winner and Smith carried him around the ring after the decision had been announced.

Bramley Whiteboy was too skillful and outboxed Peet Bothma over eight rounds in the junior lightweight division.

Cecil Baatjies TKO'd Freddie Rust, six, feathers; Isaac Yoko decisioned Dumile Siko, six, welters; Dan Dearham decisioned Bobby Neill, middleweights over six; "Oupa" Williams outscored Kevin McKay, four, junior welters.

▲**PORT ELIZABETH** — Peter Mathebula annexed the South African bantam weight title before a capacity crowd by beating Leslie Pikoli in the eighth round. Mathebula, who already holds the S.A. flyweight title, stalked his opponent, who tried to keep Mathebula at bay with left jabs. Pikoli's defence, however, was not adequate. The end came when Mathebula had Pikoli against the ropes and launched a vicious attack. Blows to head and body came in rapid succession, and Pikoli dropped. He beat the count but was unsteady and was counted out on his feet.

Coenie Bekker stunned the crowd as he scored a first round knockout over Phalo Tshume in the junior middleweight division. Bekker used a barrage of blows to drop Tshume. Phalo was on queer street when he arose and was counted out.

Harold Saaiman decisioned Smiley Giesing, four, light heavies; Terence Makaluza shaded Andre Nel, six, middleweights; Hubert Botha TKO'd Dussy Locket, two, welters; Viyisile Ntunzi outscored Piki Dlala, six, junior lightweights; Mnini Frans outpointed Jannie Landman, four, junior lightweights.

▲**JOHANNESBURG** — A capacity corwd of eleven thousand at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium saw Charlie Weir defeat British boxer Kevin Finnegan, whose eyes were both so badly cut that Finnegan did not come out for the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round bout in the middleweight division. Weir began as if he wanted to end it early, but Finnegan was content to sway out of the way and use a left jab. Weir's blows were landed high on Kevin's head. Weir continued chasing his opponent. Three jabs from Finnegan all connected but it was Weir's sustained attack that won him the round. In the third, Finnegan was trapped in a corner and Weir piled in an avalanche of blows. Weir was also missing badly. A combination followed by a right cross brought blood from Finnegan's nose. Weir appeared to tire at the end of the round.

Finnegan had no answer to the all out aggression of Weir and yet, in this round, Finnegan began to fight back, and although he scored, he had no power in his punches. Weir shook the British boxer in the fifth with a right cross and then drove Finnegan to the ropes with a series of lefts and rights. Finnegan's left eye was cut and the referee, Stan Christodoulou, stopped the fight to examine the eye. Finnegan then fought back with a vengeance and it was Weir who was retreating. A crashing left caught Weir on the jaw and the South African was shaken, but he moved backwards and out of trouble. Weir then concentrated his attack on Finnegan's injured eye and the blood began to flow freely.

Finnegan came out in the sixth with a "do or die" effort but he was soon bleeding again. Weir matched him punch for punch and the right eye was cut, and with blood streaming down his face, Finnegan showed great British courage by driving Weir across the ring. Finnegan slipped in Weir's corner, but came up fighting.

When the bell rang for the severith round, Finnegan's trainer, Freddie Hill, indicated to the referee that Finnegan was unable to continue.

Joe Hali stormed into the attack against Cameron Adams in a middleweight bout, but Adams found the range and stopped Hali on a TKO in the second.

Johan Weyers shaded Evans Gwiji, six, junior lightweights; Bruce McIntyre iced Joseph Matjiu, one, light heavyweights; Justus Joseph kayoed Hardy Mileham, six, welters; Norman Bromfield outscored Charles Boais, four, junior lightweights; Bennie Nortman outpointed Solomon Bango, four, junior welters.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

▲After a break of several weeks over the Christmas-New Year period, when boxing goes to sleep in Australia, promotions began quietly with Steve Assang, 136, outpointing Paul Baker, 137, in the main-event eight at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. It was a willing bout with the decision unanimous. For Baker, it marked his fiftieth bout in two years of professional boxing.

▲Three nights later, at the Melbourne suburb of Williamstown, Australian lightweight champion Barry Michael, 135, defended his title against Blakeney Matthews, 135. Billed for fifteen rounds, Matthews withdrew in his corner at the end of the seventh. Michael was too strong, too persistent.

In a ten on the same bill, Brian Everard, 128, outpointed Guinea Hillier, 128, for the vacant Victoria State junior lightweight title. Everard, former Australian amateur bantamweight champion (way back in 1970) turned pro in September last year, and this was only his third paid start. He won well over an opponent having his forty-second contest.

▲Sunday morning show took place at the Newtown Leagues Club as an experiment. It did not pay off for the promoter. Headlining was a good eight-rounder in which Ritchie Roberts, 147, knocked out Kelly Thompson, 142, in the final round. Thompson was dropped by a body punch, then by a right to the jaw which brought the count-out.

▲There is a big bill coming up at the Hordern Pavilion, Sydney, where Paul Ferreri will defend his Australian featherweight title against comebacking Rocky Gattellari, who will be taking part in his first bout since June, 1968. A long spell. Also on the bill will be Barry Michael, defending his lightweight crown against Rocky's brother, Lucky, a former national featherweight champion. Two other Australian champions, Tony Mundine and Wally Carr, also will be on the bill.

Here are the official Australian Boxing Federation ratings:

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Tony Mundine
1. Steve Aczel
2. Marc Ecimovic
3. Maile Haumona
4. Rocky St. Clair
5. Les Miller
6. Steve Cansdell
7. Garry Hubble
8. Teddy Gray
9. Alex Vella
10. Reno Zurik

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Tony Mundine
1. Rocky St. Clair
2. Stan Bogovic
3. Steve Cansdell
4. Ken Eldridge
5. Garry Hubble
6. Graham Murray
7. Reno Zurik
8. Rod Christsen
9. Terry Fox
10. Graham Wynne

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Wally Carr
1. Al Korovou
2. Torkano Marcos
3. Ben Holt
4. Shane Styles
5. Ron Sheldon
6. Junior Alberts
7. Ian Looker

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Wally Carr
1. Neil Pattel
2. Eddie Buttons
3. Mark Barnett
4. Jeff Sait
5. Steve Ayerst
6. Phil Davies
7. Benny Tabhua
8. Leroy King
9. Laurie Mack
10. Billy Johnstone

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Neil Pattel
1. Hector Thompson
2. Eddie Buttons
3. Ross Eadie
4. Steve Dennis
5. Frank Ropis
6. Mark Barnett
7. Robert Colley
8. Ritchie Roberts
9. Jimmy Greco
10. Kevin Gibb

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jeff Malcolm
1. Baby Cassius Austin
2. Hector Thompson
3. Frank Ropis
4. Andy Broome
5. Joe Gibilisco
6. Dave Sarago
7. Ken Patterson
8. Brian Schofield
9. Gary Rosen
10. George Reno

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Barry Michael
1. Jeff Malcolm
2. Blakeney Matthews
3. Jimmy Brown
4. Tony Ryder
5. Glenn Howard
6. Steve Assang
7. Willie Leslie
8. Ezzard Charles
9. Pete French
10. Paul Baker

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Title vacant
1. Lindsay Roberts
2. Larry Valesini
3. Roger Henry
4. Alan Hedger
5. Steve Gossen
6. Brian Everard
7. Garry Tempest
8. Steve Buttons
9. Rex Cannon
10. Guinea Hillier

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Paul Ferreri
1. Brian Roberts
2. Nick Lo Bianco
3. Metat Balla
4. Roger Henry
5. Brian Everard
6. Reg King
7. Guinea Hillier
8. Robbie Williams
9. Kid Blair
10. David Austin

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Paul Ferreri
1. Charlie Brown
2. Jim Bowen
3. Roger Richens
4. John Hipwell
5. Alan Ashby
6. Patrick Burns
7. Ronnie Christian
8. Sparrow Freeman

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Steve Bell
1. Pedro Solo
2. Glen Walsh
3. Roger Richens
4. John Hipwell
5. Junior Thompson

NOTE: Those boxers who have been boxing in two divisions in recent bouts are rated in two divisions.

FRANKIE DUARTE

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twenty-four KOs is as good as Danny Lopez. I feel that I deserve a shot at the title,'' said Duarte.

Win, lose or draw, Frankie Duarte, the good looking featherweight with the jolting righthand and expert boxing finesse, is ready for the top nonpareil ringman in the ring derby. With the wily Ralph Gambina in his corner, the career of the handsome Venice 126-pounder is sure to spiral upward. The coming year could be the best campaign for the jolting featherweight. Let's hope so. Frankie Duarte is all action once the gong clangs!

EARL TRIPP

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in the way he can come off the floor and KO a guy. (Tripp has hit the canvas several times during his ring career, but has always gotten to his feet—and come back to win the bout).

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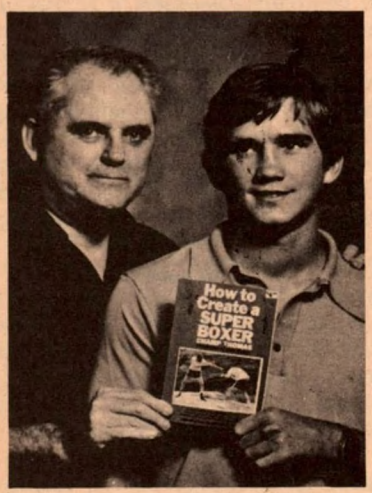

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Earl Tripp himself idolizes Joe Louis, and is molding his fighting style after that of the legendary champ.

Tripp also has definite ideas about today's top heavyweights. Of Muhammad Ali, he says: "I idolize him.'' Of Ken Norton, he says: ''Norton don't show me nothin'. He fights like Joe Frazier, and I don't think either of them are that great in the ring''.

Of Larry Holmes, he says: "I trained with Larry Holmes as his sparring partner. All I can say is that if we fought tonight—I'd beat him!''

Earl Tripp is completely devoted to his family, and they to him. ''My mother, my brothers, and sister are all happy that I'm in boxing'', he beams. ''It was really a thrill for me when my mother flew out from New York to watch me fight. My whole family is proud of me and my record in the ring. And it's for them that I'm going to become champion. Can you imagine how proud they'll be then?''

Tripp's personal life takes second place to his boxing career. He has not yet married, and there is no special girl friend in his life.

Although the good-looking, muscular heavyweight attracts numerous Las Vegas lovelies, any lady friend must be aware that she takes second place to boxing.

With a sly grin, Earl commented: ''As for my having a steady, serious girl friend, that will have to wait. I got a one track mind right now—and that whole mind is on boxing!

''All I'm living for is to get up and run and train and box. We can just say: 'I'm in love with boxing!' ''

With this type of attitude and determination, it might well be that young Earl is Tripp-ing his way right up to the world heavyweight championship!

NEXT LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP?

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lost in his bid for the Commonwealth title when he was outpointed by Jonathan Dele in Lagos, Nigeria on May 3, 1975. Watt last defended his British title on Feb. 21, 1977, when he knocked out Johnny Clayton in ten. He won the European title on August 5, 1977, when he flattened Andre Holyk in one at Glasgow. Watt gave up his British lightweight crown upon winning the E.B.U. title. He has defended his E.B.U. crown three times: kayoes over Jeronimo Lucas, Antonio Guinaldo and a decision Perico Fernandez in fifteen. His 1978 record was three for three.

The number four man on the list is Colombia's Alfredo Pitalua. Ranked number one in the world by the WBA, WBC, and *Ring* for the last few months. He still is the WBA and WBC's top man, but now ranks number four according to *The Ring*. The reason: Alfredo was held to a ten-round draw by Leonardo Bermundez in Mazatlan, Mexico last December 23. For some unknown reason, the WBA and WBC still rank him number one, and Bermudez, who had a record of one win, three defeats and the draw in 1978, is not ranked by anyone.

The record of Pitalua is not available at this time. We show only from 1975-1978, a mark of 11-1-0, with nine knockouts. He's been halted once. His biggest win was over Vicente Saldivar in February of 1978, a ten round-nod. His other win was a four round knockout over Betulio Gutierrez in four. All his 1978 bouts took place in Mexico. His only defeat of record that we know about was a seven-round kayo at the hands of Ernesto Herrera in Mexico City, February 5, 1977. Herrera, you remember, was kayoed by WBA featherweight king Eusebio Pedroza on July 2, 1978.

So that's the line-up for the vacant world lightweight title. Who will it be—Fernandez, Pitalua, Watt, or Lira? Stay tuned to your TV set and root for your choice.

ROBERT RUCKER

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These days, Rucker goes to school full time. He goes to Brandeis High School during the day and Gleason's Gym at night. When he is not going to school, Rucker fights. So far, he's been fighting for New York's first licensed female promoter, Nancy Sciacca, who calls Pee Wee her star of the future. According to Rucker's co-managers, Billy Giles and Sam Frazier, Robert will continue to fight for Sciacca Promotions but they want to move him around while he's learning. ''There is a very good possibility that Pee Wee may wind up doing some thumping for Emanuel Stewart's Escort Boxing out in Las Vegas,'' Giles goes on, ''and we've had some attractive offers from sunny Florida, so we'll just wait and see.''

Whether Rucker fights in New York, Vegas, Florida, or Timbuktu, sunny is the key word because sunny is the way that Robert Rucker's pug-for-profit future looks.

WORLD RATINGS

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against Alfredo Escalera, is now number one. Baltazar falls to second. Escalera retired and is now out of the ratings. Everyone else moves up one spot with South Africa's Nkosana Mgxaji now moving into the ten spot.

With the new junior featherweight division, both the world featherweight and bantamweight divisions were revamped. Out of the featherweights and into the superfeathers go both WBA king Ricardo Cardona, Colombia, and WBC champ Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico. Replacing them in the featherweight ratings: Eddie Ndukwu, South Africa, nine and Mexico's Ruben Olivares, ten. Everyone else moved up two spots each.

Coming out of the bantamweights are: Sergio Palma of Argentina. He was replaced by Panama's Ricardo Bennett, number ten. Davila and Muniz move up one spot each.

There were no moves in the flyweight division.

The new junior featherweight division has Gomez, Puerto Rico, Cardona, Colombia, Palma, Argentina, Babe Jiminez, Colombia, Soon Yun Chung, and Soo Hwan Hong, both

from Korea, Nicky Perez, Phoenix, Jose Caba, Dominican, Javier Flores, Salt Lake City, and Kid Meza, Las Vegas. The U.S. title is vacant.

HALL OF FAME

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memories of his many decades of boxing coverage are constantly sought by his peers.

He is currently living in Brooklyn, New York, in his own home and states that the joy of his life in his family and keeping active. He is that!

Two fighters made it to election in The Moderns section of The Hall of Fame with 75% or more of the 784 votes cast in the poll. The two fighters are: Fred Apostoli and Ike Williams.

Fred Apostoli, an Italian-American, was born Dan Fransisco on February 2, 1913 in San Francisco. Fred was one of six children and, when his mother passed on when he was seven, he went to live with his grandmother for two years, after which he and his brother John were placed in Youth's Home, an orphanage run by a Father Crowley. The Father was a boxing buff, and it was here that Fred was first exposed to boxing and picked up many of the basics that stood him in good stead later in his life.

At age fifteen, he left the orphanage to work on a chicken ranch north of San Francisco and graduated from the Edison School. After two years, Fred returned to San Francisco where he did many jobs to keep the wolf away from his door. He finally obtained employment at the St. Francis Hotel, first as a freight elevator operator, then as a bell hop and finally as the bell hop captain. He never was completely removed from this time in his life and later on, when fame and fortune tapped his shoulder as a fighter, he was referred as "The Belting Bell Hop."

While working at the St. Francis, he became acquainted with one Joe Niderost, a jeweler who took a fancy to Apostoli and brought him over to the Olympic Club, where Fred made his start as an amateur. He quickly gained some recognition as the winner of the Pacific Coast jr. welter title and then, as he grew in size, garnered the Golden Gloves middle title. In 1934, he went to St. Louis for the Nationals where he engaged in five fights in three nights to win the National simon pure middle crown.

In the same year, with some 35 amateur fights behind him, he turned pro and won six fights in a row before being stopped by Freddie Steele, the same Steele who later became the NBA middleweight king.

His early pro career was under the guidance of Larry White, a well-known Coast mentor, and in his last years as a fighter he was managed by Harold Scadron.

Fred grew up in Frisco's Little Italy and often played baseball with Joe DiMaggio during the sandlot days. Some thought that Fred was destined for the baseball diamond but, somewhere along the track, Fred was switched over to boxing and baseball's loss became boxing's gain.

By 1938 Apostoli had run through opposition such as Babe Risko, Lou Brouillard, Solly Krieger (twice), lost a close ten-rounder to Ken Overlin, knocked out Marcel Thil in ten heats and then, for the second time, defeated Glen Lee to claim the world middleweight title. New York State recognized him while the N.B.A. recognized Freddie Steele. In 1939, Fred lost his middle crown to Ceferino Garcia via a seven round knockout. Many thought he was finished but Fred came back to win and lose bouts with Melio Bettina, fight a draw with Ken Overlin, lose to Tony Zale and then put in a stint in the U.S. Navy (World War II). He was now thinking of a light heavyweight future. In 1946 he emerged from the service to win seven straight bouts, but, in 1947 he started out by being caught cold in one round by Bobby Volk. Two months later, he reversed the loss by knocking out Volk in three sessions. He then went on with five straight wins over George Duke, Earl Turner, Reuben Shank (twice), and one of the best, Georgie Abrams. In 1948, when all appeared to be going well Fred lost a ten-rounder to Earl Turner and decided to call it quits.

His record stood at seventy-one fights with thirty ko's, thirty wins by decision, one draw, six loses by decision and four bouts in which he was knocked out.

At his retirement, Fred did some refereeing and then drifted into working with a novelty firm for which he soon became the sales manager. He held this job up to his death of a heart attack on November 29, 1973 at age fifty-nine.

Ike Williams, real name Isiah Williams, saw the first light of day in Brunswick, Georgia, on August 2, 1912. That's where it all started for the 5'9½" 135-pounder who packed a mule kick in either hand. The guy was one helluva athlete in high school; fast in the sprints, better than average at first base, and around age fifteen, he got the boxing urge, although his interest began at age 12 when he bought a copy of *The Ring Record Book* from a pal in Trenton, Jimmy Green. He memorized most of the book and then, over the next three years, a desire grew and grew, to become a champion and live the good life. At fifteen, he was ready to begin—and did. He entered the Trenton Golden Gloves and won same. At sixteen, he moved into the pro ranks after winning several inter-city titles. It was 1940, and Ike began a climb up the ladder which would end on April 18, 1945, when he won the NBA version of the lightweight title from Juan Zurita with a two-round knockout.

A year earlier, after forty-seven fights and only four loses, Williams had been temporarily sidetracked when he was knocked out in twelve heats. Then Ike took off and packed twenty wins in twenty-two fights to get his shot at Zurita. He was halfway there. On August 4, he had his second meeting with the New York version of the lightweight champion, Bob Montgomery, this time, Ike reversed his previous meeting and belted Fighting Bob out in six rounds. Now Ike was all the way there. He was the universally recognized lightweight champion of the world—he had it made.

He was on his way to making a million dollars. To help him make the money was a succession of managers which began with Joe Woodman. Then came Eddie Mead, Connie McCarthy and last, but far from least, Blinky Palermo.

Williams was the original gung ho-kid and he revelled in his crown, his money, cars and all that went with it. But it never lasts forever, and for Ike, the real end came the night of May 25, 1951, in New York, when James Carter took the crown right off his head in fourteen rounds.

Ike retired and then returned to combat, retired again in 1953 and then made another unsuccessful comeback. By 1955, Ike had had it and he hung them up. The mad race was finished. 153 fights with sixty knockouts, sixty-four more wins by decision, five draws, eighteen losses by decision, and six loses via the ko route. Ike still had his Ring championship belt, still the Neil trophy, given to him by the Boxing Writers back in 1948 for doing the most for boxing the previous year. But what he didn't have was money. Some blamed it on his last manager but, no matter how or why, Ike was soon broke with his savings exhausted. One of the best had hit the bottom. Ike is now a little thicker in the waist, has a lot of grey hairs and wears a jagged scar over his right eyebrow, the badge of a fist fighter. And what a fist fighter! There have been few better.

In his recent years, he has been doing an assortment of things and accomplished a terrific job with Job Corps youngsters. He has spent much of his recent time doing good for kids. Ike Williams, Hall of Famer . . . All the way!

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seven rounds in New York, March 4, 1938. Buddy quit boxing for almost a year, returned to the ring in 1939.

A first round stoppage of Victorio Campolo and a seventh round kayo over "Two-Ton" Tony Galento led to Buddy's match with Louis for the title in Washington, D.C. on May 23, 1941. This was a humdinger of a fight. Buddy knocked Joe through the ropes onto the apron with a left hook in the first round and opened up a cut under his left eye in the fifth. Joe came storming back and knocked down Buddy for two counts in the sixth round. When Baer got up the second time, the bell rang, but Louis didn't hear it. He rushed at Bud and dropped him with a right. Ancil Hoffman, Buddy's manager, refused to let Baer answer the bell for the next round, claiming that Louis should have been disqualified. The upshot was that referee Arthur Donovan disqualified Baer.

Joe gave Baer a rematch and knocked him out in the first round.

Buddy never fought again. He went into the army and later opened up a nightclub in Sacramento.

TURKEY THOMPSON

Albert (Turkey) Thompson was born in Anadarko, Oklahoma on December 25, 1919. He always had a huge chest. His schoolmates called him "Turkey chest" and the nicknamed was eventually shortened to "Turkey."

Thompson worked in the cotton fields between school hours. His cousin, later known as Big Boy Bray, lived in the same town. Bray decided that he wanted to be a boxer and lit out for Los Angeles. Turkey followed soon after.

Thompson started boxing as an amateur in L.A. under the tutelege of Young Peter Jackson, the lightweight. When, in 1938, Turk turned pro, his trainer was Charley Williams, who made him shed his southpaw style and box in the "orthodox" fashion.

After a few fights, Babe McCoy and Wirt Ross sold Turkey's contract to Cal Working, manager of Baby Arizmendi. Working made the Turk into a promising middleweight contender. Thompson, though, grew rapidly. He was a 5'8½" 205-pound heavyweight by 1941, the year he boxed a ten-round draw with big Abe Simon. Turkey hit the peak of his career during the war years. He kayoed Henry Cooper, Pat Valentino, Gus Dorazio, Elmer (Violent) Ray, and Big Ben Moroz. His biggest defeat came when Al Hart knocked him out in one round in L.A. on Sept. 19, 1944.

After a dry period, Turk bounced back to score four kayoes in succession in 1949—Bill Petersen (2), Lee Q. Murray (6), Hart (2), and Al Spaulding. He quit the ring after losing four decisions in a row the following year.

JOE BAKSI

Baksi was born in Kulpmont, Pa. on January 14, 1922. His father died when Joe was nine and the boy had to leave school in the fifth grade to work in the coal mines. After a few years, he joined a carnival, traveled around the country, returned to the coal mines, played football in his spare time, and then entered boxing after he trounced a teammate in a boxing match to settle a fight. That led him to take part in bootleg amateur fights in upper New York State.

Managed by Nate Wolfson and trained by Whitey Bimstein, Baksi's progress was rapid after he turned pro in 1940. He was undefeated in his first twenty fights, then lost a decision to Teddy Wint on the Louis-Nova card in New York City.

Baksi, who stood 6'1", was only stopped once in his professional career. That was when Ez Charles took him out in eleven rounds in New York on December 10, 1948. That fight made Ez the successor to Joe Louis in the eyes of many; he had been looked on as the perennial number one contender for the 175-pound diaden before.

Joe's last fight was on December 13, 1951, when he stopped Jim Rousse in five rounds in Troy, New York.

LEE Q. MURRAY

Lee was born Emanuel La Verne Murray in St. Louis on July 19, 1919. He got the Lee Q. handle when Col Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle of the radio comedy team of Stoopnagle and Budd, took over his managerial affairs.

Murray's career started when one of his older brothers entered him in an amateur tournament in St. Louis. Lee did well and turned professional in January, 1939. In 1940, he came east and had a few fights in the Westchester County Center.

In 1942, Murray became affiliated with Tex Sullivan. His record over the next five years is nothing short of spectacular, as he defeated Curtis Sheppard, Sandy McPherson, Tiger Ted Lowry, Jimmy Bivins, Buddy Walker, Turkey Thompson, and a host of other big name heavyweight. He hit the skids in 1948 and was knocked out three times in a row. Lee retired in 1949, returned to fight twice more in 1952, and then retired for good.

Murray, a handsome man just under six feet, plays the piano well, although he never took a lesson. He also had a good singing voice.

CURTIS SHEPPARD

"The Hatchetman," Curtis Sheppard was born in Philadelphia and started fighting in the pro ranks in 1938. Curtis stood 5'10", short for a heavyweight, and lost to Herbie Katz, Jersey Joe Walcott, Tony Musto, Lem Franklin, and Joey Maxim early in his career. During World War II, however, he made rapid headway, scoring a sensational one-round kayo over Maxim in Cleveland on March 10, 1943.

In the Fall of 1946, Shep's manager, Max Waxman, started a campaign to get Joe Louis to defend his crown against the Hatchetman in Baltimore the following summer. Louis, however, was not as prolific in making title defenses as he'd been before the war. Sheppard lost to Jimmy Bivins twice in 1947, and twice to Lee Q. Murray later on that year. He quit the game in 1948, having been knocked out by Rusty Payne in nine rounds and outpointed by John Haynes.

LEM FRANKLIN

Franklin, a 6'2" 200-pounder out of Mobile, Alabama, was managed by Jack Hurley. He was awkward, but he could hit, as witnessed by his knockouts of Lee Savold, Eddie Simms, Curtis Sheppard, Tony Musto, Jimmy Bivins, and Abe Simon. Franklin started to go downhill in 1942, when he was knocked out by Bob Pastor, and Hurley made him retire after Dan Merritt knocked him out in one round on August 9, 1943. Franklin, though, insisted on a comeback. He scored a five-round kayo over Colion Chaney in Chicago on July 3, 1944, and then, three weeks later, faced Larry Lane in a scheduled ten-rounder at the Meadowbrook Bowl in Newark. Lane knocked him out in the ninth round and Lem suffered a brain concussion. He died at Newark City Hospital on August 3, the first big name pro heavyweight since Ernie Schaaf to die from a ring related injury.

TOMMY GOMEZ

Born in Tampa, Fla., December 5, 1920, Gomez was a fighter in the Dempsey mode, tearing in to his opponent from the sound of the first bell. He started fighting in November, 1939 and won his first ten fights by knockouts.

Gomez signed up for the Army for a three-year hitch before Pearl Harbor, but he managed to get in a number of pro fights while in the service. Buddy Scott knocked him out in seven rounds in Tampa on July 14, 1941, but Tommy beat him in a return bout in March, 1942. He won three more fights, then was stopped in two rounds by Tommy Tucker, whom he had previously beaten. For the next few months, Gomez concentrated on being a soldier.

In 1943, he returned to the ring wars and won three fights by knockouts—Claudio Villar (3), Tony Musto (1), and Buddy Knox (5). Shipped overseas in 1944, he was seriously wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in France, when he was struck by shrapnel and machine gun bullets while leading a squad into enemy territory to wipe out a machine gun nest. One bullet ripped through his chest a scant two inches from his heart. He was in an Army hospital in England for five months before his discharge in the summer of 1945.

Gomez amazed everyone by going back to boxing, winning six straight fights by knockout, the last three in the first round. This led to a Garden main event with Jersey Joe Walcott on August 16, 1946. Jersey Joe, however, stopped the Purple Heart winner by a knockout in three rounds.

Tommy fought once more and was kayoed in three by Joe Matisi up in Buffalo, October 22, 1946. He announced his retirement on November 4 of that same year. "I've lost my defensive ability," said Tommy, "and find myself being hit with punches that a novice should be able to duck. When a fighter gets to the point that he's just a punching bag, it's time to hang them up."

"SAILOR" DON SAUER

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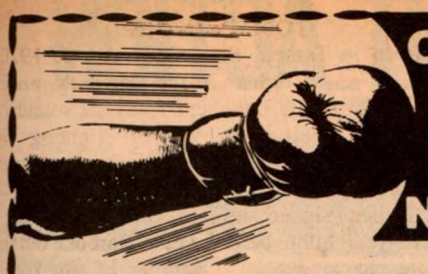
Conn. . . . GIL CLANCY handled the HAGLER—SEALES fight in Boston for C.B.S. . . . . Talk about tough guys years ago—WILLIE JOYCE, a dandy of a fighter out of Gary, Indiana, had his jaw broken by HENRY ARMSTRONG in the second round on the west coast . . . but stayed the ten rounds and won the duke over the former triple crown holder. . . . BOBBY CASSIDY will play in a movie and a TV shot in Los Angeles. . . . LOU GROSS is high on his middleweight, KENNY KLINGMAN—Who is unbeaten to date. . Most of his wins have been via the kayo route. . KLINGMAN is working out at Miami Beach. . . . JIM and BILL CONNOLLY, the Boston Boxing Brothers—training a fine stable of young boxers in South Boston, Mass. . At one time, they owned CONNOLLY'S GYM in Southie. . . .



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KAMEDA KAYOES KIM

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Unbeaten Japan's welterweight champion Akio Kameda continued his winning ways by stopping Kim Yong-Taek, junior middleweight titlist of Korea, in the sixth round before some 1,800 spectators.

Kim was also previously undefeated. But Kameda's superior speed and power overwhelmed the Korean champ all the way.

The 22-year-old southpaw Kameda commenced fireworks from the second round, when he connected with good body punches to take the lead.

Having registered six wins and one draw, Yong-Taek, who stood six feet, same as the Japanese, used repeated holding to have one point deducted from his score twice, in rounds three and four. In the fourth session, Kameda sent sharp lefts to the face to shake Kim up occasionally.

The kayo came at 2:31 of the sixth round, when a towel was tossed in after Kim barely stood up from a knockdown caused by a Kameda combination.

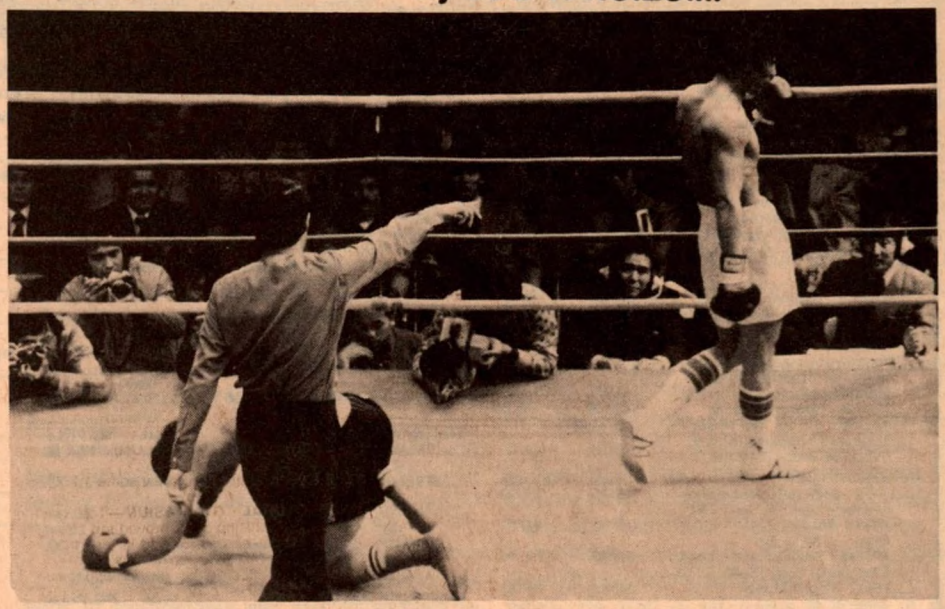
The Japanese lefthander upped his record to nine wins with eight knockouts in as many pro outings. He had tabbed 71 victories (47 within the distance) against seven defeats during his amateur career.

According to manager Masaki Kanehira, who also pilots WBA junior flyweight champ Yoko Gushiken, his welterweight hope will face a name foreigner in his next bout to enter the international top ten.

However, Kameda should improve his technique at short range fighting in order to cope with the world rankers. There is also a question about Kameda's durability, for the young KO artist hardly absorbed much punishment because of previous quick kayoes.

This night, Kameda entered the ring at 155¼ pounds, a bit heavier than usual, the same as the Korean newcomer weighed.

In a supporting ten, hard-punching flyweight Masami Sekiyama, 112, halted Kubomura Tomihisa, 111¾, midway in the ninth round, when the victor dropped his fading rival with a vicious left hook to the button. Up to the finish, it was a see-saw contest. It was Sekiyama's eleventh kayo in his thirteenth win against three defeats. He is the Japan Boxing Commission's ninth 112-pounder.



Japanese welterweight titlist Akio Kameda heads for a neutral corner as Korean junior middleweight champion Kim Yong-Taek lies dazed on the canvas. Kim got up, but his corner threw the towel in at 2:31 of the sixth round.

In an eight rounder, tricky Katsuji Sano dropped Seishi Ii with a double left to the chin in the third round, copping a unanimous decision.

Each scaled in at 123½ pounds.

In another eight, rising lefty Shoichi Abe, 131, hit the deck from a well-timed right by Shigeyuki Otake, 130½, in the second round and lost an upset unanimous nod.

The card was presented by Kanehira's Kyoei Promotion, and was telecast through TBS in Tokyo district.

KOREA

▲ **SEOUL**—It was a real upset. Thailand's Saensak Muangsurin, WBC junior welterweight champion, was flattened by Korea's OPBF (Orient and Pacific Boxing Federation) titlist, Kim Sang-Hyung, in the thirteenth session of a scheduled fifteen-rounder at Student Stadium. The knockout meant Saensak's farewell to the crown in the 140-pound class. The loser announced he would hang up his gloves for good owing to an eye ailment. Kim, 23, a lefthander, as is Saensak, who could not show his previous aggressive form. In the first three rounds, the slow starter Saensak, five years Kim's senior, allowed the challenger to take the play away from him. Saensak was unable to catch his elusive opponent. He missed plenty of punches, while Kim piled up points steadily. Only in rounds eight and nine did Saensak turn loose with roundhouse rights and lefts. He won the rounds by narrow margins. Kim fought back with sharp combos, averting the Thai's wild swings with his faster footwork through the eleventh session.

In the thirteenth round, Kim exploded a strong left to the chin to put the defending champ flat on the canvas. Saensak could not beat the count. He was a kayo loser at 2:05 of the round. The Thai suffered his second defeat against thirteen wins since turning from the previous kick-boxing campaign four years ago. Kim now has a record of twenty-five victories against two defeats and two draws. The speedy Korean had acquired the OPBF crown from Moises Cantoja of the Philippines by a twelve-round unanimous decision in Korea months ago. Up to the stoppage, referee Padilla and a Korean judge scored 118-113 and 120-113 in Kim's favor, while a Thai official had it 120-112 for Saensak.

▲ **PUSAN**—OPBF junior lightweight titleholder Choi Moon-Suk successfully kept his crown by knocking out Japanese lefty Ryu Fukida in the eleventh round.

It was Choi's first defense since he had dethroned Filipino southpaw Rey Tam. Choi, who had appeared in Tokyo last year to finish Fukida in a give-and-take contest, won again. Until the tenth round, Fukida utilized fast footwork to avoid Choi's heavy punches. They were fighting almost on even terms. In the next session, however, Choi tossed a powerful right at the jaw of Fukida, who hit the deck for a compulsory eight count. Though Fukida stood up and fought, Choi went all out for a kayo to drop him again. Then the referee declared a halt.

▲ **SEOUL**—A triple title contest took place at Moonhwa Arena. OPBF middleweight champion Yuh Jae-Do tabbed his record-breaking twenty-first defense, as he defeated compatriot Kang Heung-Won, former national titlist of Korea, by a unanimous decision in twelve heats. Yuh displayed superiority in speed and skills.

Having been demolished by Samuel Serrano in San Juan, Oh Young-Ho, OPBF lightweight leader, also retained his title by a unanimous decision over Mar Simbajon, from the Philippines, in twelve hot frames. Hard-punching Park Chong-Pal became the new national middleweight champion when he polished off Choi Chang-Baek in three quick rounds.

▲ **SEOUL**—Flyweight hope Lee Seung-Hoon, 111 pounds, became the new national champion after he unanimously beat Kim Yung-Hwan in ten good rounds. In a companion ten, Koh Dok-Hoon, top junior featherweight contender of the Korean Boxing Commission, outpointed Filipino Flash Oliver. The decision was unanimous. Each scaled in at 128 pounds. A dual tenner happened at Moonhwa Arena.

▲ **SEOUL**—Junior welterweight boss Kim Chong-Ho impressively stopped Fred Pastor, Philippines' ex-Orient champ, in the sixth round of their scheduled ten. Both tipped the beam at 141½ pounds.

In a semi-windup, Hwang Bok-Soo, 127¾ and former OPBF feather leader dethroned by Japan's Royal Kobayashi last year, was held to a draw by up-and-coming countryman Yuh Chong-Man, one pound lighter, in ten hard-fought rounds. Moonhwa Arena witnessed the hot contests.

▲ **WOOMSAN CITY**—Lightweight boss Lee Yidano, 134¼, proved too fast of hand and foot for Lim Chung-Yong, 134½ pounds, winning a unanimous decision in ten rounds to retain his national crown.

In a supporting ten, bantamweight leader Park In-Kyu, 119, outsped and outpunched Oh Dong-Yul, at the same weight, making good use of his longer reach. Park's title was not at stake. Park is an excellent speedster who drew with Eijiro Murata, Japan's current OPBF bantam ruler, after exchanging knockdowns in Tokyo last year.

Park is still unbeaten after some one hundred amateur contests.

Area Promotion presented the card.

▲ **SEOUL**—In Keukdong Promotion's doubleheader, Kim Hwan-Jin, WBA eighth junior flyweight, unanimously whipped Tito Abella, a Filipino newcomer in ten. They weighed in at 110¼ pounds.

In main event, WBC light flyweight champion Kim Sung-Jun appeared for the first time since he won the title from Thai Netrnoi Vorasingh, and decisioned Ric Brimbad, the Philippines' second 108-pounder, in ten. Each entered the ring at 110¼ in an overweight go.

▲ **SEOUL**—Fast rising Baek Chong-Woo, 121¼, seized the national junior featherweight title by beating Kim Chong-Yung, a quarter pound heavier, in ten unanimous rounds.

National junior middleweight champ Kim Yong-Taek outscored Chung Yung-Soo via a unanimous nod in ten. Each scaled in at 154¼ pounds.

▲ **PUSAN**—Kooduk Arean witnessed Hanjin Promotion's OPBF title card. Choi Moon-Suk, 129½, wrested the Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation's junior lightweight crown from Filipino Rey Tam via a ninth round TKO in a scheduled twelve-rounder. The defending champ weighed at the 130-pound limit. In the first ten, Kim Sang-Hyun, OPBF junior welter boss, knocked out Tongta Kiatvayupakdi, a Thai lefty one pound heavier at 142¾, in the fourth session.

▲ **PUSAN**—In a preliminary bout to an OPBF junior middleweight title contest which resulted in a twelve-round draw by Yim Jae-Keun and Japanese challenger Kenji Shibata, both scaling at 154 pounds, former national flyweight champ Kim Hak-Yung, 114½, dropped an upset decision to rising prospect Shin Kap-Sul, at the same weight, in ten speedy rounds. The crowd-pleasers were shown by Champion Promotion at Kooduk Arena.

▲ **SEOUL**—On the same night, another dual card took place at Moonhwa Arena. Top junior flyweight contender Kim Tae-Shik was impressive as he demolished Thai import Griangai Yingsakdi in only two rounds of their scheduled tenner. Each scaled in at 111 pounds.

In the first ten, Cho Nak-Yung, 138¼, needed less than three minutes to finish Ryuichi Narita, 138½, Japan, with strong right shots to the face. It was Wonjin Promotion's card.

▲ **SEOUL**—Kim Tae-Ho, the WBA third-ranked junior lightweight, 139, outpointed Japan's Toru Sugahara, 136¾, in ten hot rounds.

Lee Chong-Yun, a feather hope, finally caught tough Filipino Earning Grafe and stopped him in the tenth and final session. They entered the squared circle at 125¾ pounds each.

▲ **TONGYUN CITY**—Hard-punching Yun Suk-Tae gained the national featherweight throne by stopping Kim Chin-Kyun in the seventh round of a scheduled tenner presented by Hanjin Promotion. Each fighter scaled in at a quarter pound under the 126-pound limit.

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL**—National lightweight champion Masahiro Yokai, 140, managed to finish Kim Kwang-Sun, Korea's third-ranked lightweight, 139½, after the former survived two bad knockdowns.

The time was 2:13 of the eighth round. However, Yokai had a very narrow escape from his shorter opponent's solid counterpunching.

The opening session saw Yokai down from Kim's overhand right to the face. Partly because of the knockdown's effect, Yokai looked far from top shape, lacking speed and timing. Kim was in complete command in rounds two and three, as he shook up the taller swinger with short punches at the face.

The sixth canto watched another visit to the canvas by Yokai after he received a sharp one-two-three combo at the button.

Despite being battered effectively, Yokai continually aimed at Kim's breadbasket in the second half. All of a sudden, in round eight, Yokai scored a wicked body punch to have Kim turn back to the ropes.

Wearily leaning against the ropes, the Korean could not beat the count by the third man, Yoshida. But for the surprising kayo, Kim would have been an obvious points victor. Although Yokai gained his sixteenth win with his twelfth knockout, the bout revealed that he has his flaws.

Despite his recentl string of kayos, Yokai is still poor at defense and is apt to swing too wildly. Kim, a 28-year-old veteran with a record of 29-8-3 (fourteen KOs), gave the Japanese champ, four years his junior, a good lesson.

In a supporting ten, ex-amateur champ Katsuhiro Okubo, 139¼, needed only 2:02 to demolish taller Keiichi Hamamoto, 138 pounds, in the opening session. It was Okubo's fourth kayo win in five pro bouts.

A preliminary eight saw Fumiharu Ando, 119½, halt Yuto Koito, a quarter pound lighter, at the end of the sixth round. Koito's profuse bleeding, caused by his absorption of much punishment made him unable to go on.

Saida Promotion's card gathered some 1,800 fans at the Hall.

▲ **TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL**—The Japanese Boxing Commission's top junior flyweight contender, Keisuke Yuguchi, was annoyed by shorter Tsugumasa Toma's elusiveness, and lost an upset decision in ten speedy rounds.

Each tipped the beam a half pound lighter than the 108-pound limit.

In a supporting six, Masatoshi Ogasawara, Toma's stablemate at 145½, stopped Takeshi Igarashi, 146¾ pounds, in the final round.

Some two thousand spectators were in attendance.

▲ **TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL**—Flyweight Kazumasa Tamaki, full of speed but lacking in power, lopsidedly outpunched shorter Grumman Ueda, 110¼, whose bad gash at the right eyeblow made him retire midway in the eighth round.

It was a contest of puzzling southpaws. Tamaki's right jabs prevented the puncher from Oita, 11-2-1 with seven knockouts, from scoring with his vaunted left shots. Tamaki took the second, third, fourth, and sixth rounds, losing none. The victor, at 112 pounds, registered his eleventh win (third kayo) against four defeats and three draws.

In a featherweight semi-windup, Norikazu Atomura was held to a split draw by Ken Sogo in eight see-saw rounds. They scaled in at 128 pounds each. For all Atomura's lead in the early rounds, he ran out of gas so that he was battered due to Sogo's last burst.

Lanky Nobuo Sasano, 111¼, earned a hairline decision over Kazuyoshi Funaki, 112, in a supporting sixer. Lancer Uchino, 122, was a kayo winner over Jiro Usui, 122, in the first session.

The first card of the year, at the Hall, drew some 1,200 fight fans.

▲ **OSAKA PREFECTURAL GYMNASIUM**—Top welterweight contender Mitsuo Kushikino, 146, proved too strong for Noboru Kogita, 146¾, whom he polished off in less than two minutes of the opening round. As soon as the bout began, Kushikino's well-timed right floored his slower opponent for the mandatory eight count. His good follow-up had Kogita down at the ropes for the count.

A semi-final ten was a real give-and-take affair. Suriving two knockdowns, in rounds two and seven, Blazer Okubo, 126, turned the tables by knocking out Abebe Yoshida, 124½, at 2:37 of the eighth round.

It was the glass-jawed Okubo's twenty-second win and twelfth kayo against six defeats. Yoshida had the winner at bay quite often.

In a preliminary eight, Kazuo Kamano, 120½, dropped Shoji Okubo, 120¾, twice, in the second and fourth rounds, gaining a unanimous nod.

Some 1,200 customers came to see the action-packed card.

▲ **OSAKA PREFECTURAL GYMNASIUM**—The final of the West-Japan Shinjin-o (Novice King) tournaments drew 2,500 spectators. The winners, as follows, will meet those of the East-Japan Block one and a half months later at Korakuen Hall. Junior flyweight, Tsuguhiro Tomioka; flyweight, Shinichi Tahara; junior featherweight, Jo Tatsuki- featherweight, Tomio Nakamura; junior lightweight, Tokuo Marunouchi; lightweight, Yoshiaka Hinenoya; welterweight, Koji Maeda; middleweight Masahide Kitamura, who won five all by knockout.

THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM**—The Thailand Boxing Commission is junior flyweight champion, Chuncherng Borkorsor, the fourth OPBF contender, technically kayoed Pitchit Chuvattana because of the latter's bad cut at the left eyebrow in the second round. Borkorsor may be a worthy challenger for OPBF titleholder Chung Sang-Il of Korea, who failed to cop the WBA title from Yoko Gushiken last year.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNEGN STADIUM**—Featherweight Manus Lo-ngerung outscored Anusorn Kiatwayupakdi, and unknown fighter, in six rounds.

▲ **BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM**—Harp-punching rookie Chokchai Kiatsinghnoi knocked out Singhsayarm Veragym in the first round of their lightweight contest.

Chokchai is now the TBC's number five contender and his future books bright.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM**—Flyweight Kaokrachang S. Thanikul stopped Matuphoom Sithtamrong, ex-TBC contender, in the third session of his pro debut to win the praise of the crowd.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM**—Welterweight top notcher Kunphol Sakornphitak easily halted Hengchianoi Petchakasem, a less experienced boxer, in the third round.

▲ **BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM**—Top welterweight contender Thamingthong Singsamang seemed very impressive as he demolished Narongsakdi Dejkajorn, former national champ in the 140-pound class, in the first round.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM**—Up-and-coming banty Phaktai Bunset won a decision over Rerngnoi Donjedee, a flyweight contender, in six rounds.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM**—Featherweight Manus Lo-ngerng lost an upset decision to Phisawong Sithbanjerd in six rounds.

PHILIPPINES

▲ **ARANETA COLOSSEUM**—Six ten-rounders were presented by promoter Paciencia Hitosis. GAB (Games and Amusements Board) lightweight champion Manny Ysrael, 133½, won a unanimous decision over Changton Singthanongsakdi, Thai top contender, 134 pounds, in ten hot frames.

Banty Eddie Galler scored a unanimous nod over Noe Canino in ten. Both entered the ring at the 118-pound limit.

Philippines' No. 2 junior lightweight Lito Pena, 129, was held to a technical draw by Oscar Barola, 125¼, in ten rounds.

Bantam Cesar Amazan, 117 pounds, eked out a split decision over Glen Orlanes, 118¼, in ten close frames.

GAB ranker Willie Lucas was a unanimous points victor over Sandy Noora, ten. Each scaled in at 123 pounds.

Junior flyweight Lord Esmero, 107, barely earned a split nod over Teo Montejo, 110¼, in the first tenner.

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—It was a non-title but very good card promoted by Reynaldo Gazmen, Jr. National junior flyweight champion, Siony Carupo, 110½, was awarded a split decision over Julius Gonzaga, former flyweight boss at 112, in ten hot rounds. Gonzaga, dethroned by Arnel Arrozal by an upset verdict last month, was unable to show his physical advantage, receiving some good blows from Siony.

In a companion ten, the GAB fourth-rated contender Art Galula, 138, unanimously whipped Ernie Lopez, 136½.

Rising flyweight Danilo Gonzaga, 111, and Bert Guzman, half a pound heavier, battled to a split draw in ten.

▲ **BUKIDNON**—Highly rated by the GAB in the flyweight class, Frank Cedeno lost a unanimous upset decision to Eric Blancia in ten good rounds. Both tipped the beam at 114 pounds.

▲ **CLARK AIR BASE**—On Antonio Esguerra's card, Young Dela Cruz, 134, proved too much for Rocky Anobling, 135 pounds, copping a unanimous ten-round verdict.

▲ **CHANNEL 4, METRO MANILA**—Bantamweight Rolando Rosuento gained a unanimous duke over Roffy Saulong in ten. They weighed in at 118 pounds each.

▲ **MISAMIS ORIENTAL**—A triple tenner was the attraction shown by co-promoters Martinez and Murillo, Sr.

GAB bantam ranker Bob Castor pounded out a unanimous decision over less experienced Mario Masa. They each entered the ring at the 118-pound limit.

Ric Dolotallas, 130, unanimously beat Romeo Sajonia, 133, in a semi-final ten. After Dario Melida and Rod Delos Santos, both scaling at 135 pounds, fought well over ten heats. A majority nod went to the latter.

▲ **SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION**—Junior welterweight hope Edward Heneral defeated Al Cordero by a unanimous decision in ten heats. Both weighted at 140 pounds. Roberto Depsi, 141, and Baby Art Alcantara, 138, were GAB rated welterweight contenders, but fought in an undereight tenner with the former losing a unanimous verdict.

Flyweight Jimmy Boy proved faster than Al Morris, two pounds heavier at 116, and was awarded a technical decision in a scheduled ten.

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY**—Featherweight puncher Max Boy Toyogon, 128, displayed his power by stopping Fel Viesca, Jr. in the seventh session of their ten-rounder promoted by Samuel Garcia.

▲ **CLARK AIR BASE**—Banty Eddie Miral, at the limit, annexed a unanimous duke from Flash Gapasin, 117 pounds, in ten speedy rounds.

▲ **DUMAGUETE CITY**—The GAB's sixth featherweight, Young Felly, 128 pounds, stunned the crowd as he demolished Geovanni Rada, 126, in the first session of a scheduled ten-rounder.

▲ **CLARK AIR BASE**—The dual tenner was another card promoted by Esguerra.

In the main event, Alex David gained a unanimous decision over Alex Bitong, one pound heavier at 130, in ten.

Lightweight Dony Soriano, 135, was a winner by decision over Resty Boniquit, 134, in a semi-ten.

▲ **CHANNEL 4, METRO MANILA**—The top flyweight contender of the Philippines, Lino Boy Base, 111¾, showed his

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jae Do Yuh (K)
1. Wally Carr (A)
2. Rudy Siregar (I)
3. Chong Pal Park (K)
4. Heun Won Kanag (K)
5. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
6. Al Korevov (A)
7. Nam Yong Park (K)
8. Katsuo Ezashi (J)
9. Ramon Dionision (P)
10. Nessie Horiguchi (J)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jae Keun Yim (K)
1. Ken-ji Shibata (J)
2. Aquijino Nicolas, Jr. (P)
3. Tadashi Mihara (J)
4. Yong Taek Kim (K)
5. Michihiro Horihata (J)
6. Eddie Buttons (A)
7. Chung Shik Kim (K)
8. Kunphol Sakornphitak (T)
9. Armando Boniquito (P)
10. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Sorimachi (J)
1. Akio Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Neil Patteli (A)
4. Joo Suk Kim (K)
5. Hector Thompson (A)
6. Mana Premchai (T)
7. Mak Dok Lee (K)
8. Dan De Guzman (P)
9. Namin Baek (K)
10. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang Hyun Kim (K)
1. Chong Ho Kim (K)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. Minoru Sugiya (J)
4. Ruben Rabago (P)
5. Jeff Malcolm (A)
6. Jong Sathitagym (T)
7. Moises Cantoja (P)
8. Chong Chul Choi (K)
9. Eiichi Fukumoto (J)
10. Togta Kiatvayupakdi (T)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung Ho Oh (K)
1. Masahiro Yokai (J)
2. Many Israel (P)
3. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
4. Lee Iidano (K)
5. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)
6. Barry Michel (A)
7. Pete Alflerez (P)
8. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)
9. Vechayun Senaphitak (T)
10. Changton Singthanongsakdi (T)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Munsuk Choi (K)
1. Bomber Uchida (J)
2. Tae Jin Mun (K)
3. Takao Maruki (J)
4. Arman Bangoyan (P)
5. Hyun Il Park (K)
6. Lindsay Roberts (A)
7. Fred "Bruce Lee" (P)
8. Klonyuth Punyuth (T)
9. Nardito Adrayan (P)
10. Ryu Fukida (J)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Suk Tae Yun (K)
3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
4. Bok Soo Hwang (K)
5. Nene June (P)
6. Nunthaure Leadbankee (T)
7. Kunpholek Sakornphitak (T)
8. Romy Cunanan (P)
9. Koichi Matsushima (J)
10. Roland Navarete (P)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soo Hyun Chun (K)
1. Ric Diamle (P)
2. Chong Wo Baek (K)
3. Dejvarin Hollywood (T)
4. Yu Kasahara (J)
5. Dok Hyun Koh (K)
6. Yukio Segawa (J)
7. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (J)
8. Brian Robert (A)
9. Rudy Patalinhug (P)
10. Neptali Alamag (P)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (J)
1. Yung Shi Kim (K)
2. Kosei Anan (J)
3. Billy Abato (P)
4. In Kyo Park (K)
5. Paul Ferreri (A)
6. Jin Ishigaki (J)
7. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
8. Venice Borkosor (T)
9. Myun Gan Moon (K)
10. Harricane Teru (J)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
1. Jiro Takada (J)
2. Koichi Maki (J)
3. Dan Pisalchai (T)
4. Arnel Arrozal (P)
5. Seun Hoon Lee (K)
6. Hwang Soo Yang (K)
7. Steve Bell (A)
8. Shigeo Nakajima (J)
9. Monsayam Mahachai (T)
10. Lino Boy Base (P)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Siony Carpo (P)
2. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
3. Mak Dong Kim (K)
4. Chungcherng Bornkorsor (T)
5. Ver Libradilla (P)
6. Tae Shik Kim (K)
7. Pedro Solo (A)
8. Sangthong Sithumrong (T)
9. Tsugumasa Toma (J)
10. Young Hyun Kim (K)

Legend: (J) Japan, (K) Korea, (P) Philippines, (T) Thailand, (A) Australia, (I) Indonesia.
Note: The OPBF does not rate boxers currently rated by world boxing organizations.

strength by decisioning Jun Mondejar, 110, in ten frames.

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—In a resort of Karpov vs. Korchnoi chess matches, Rudy Solis, a featherweight at 125 pounds, outscored Chen Chun Hsiang, a newcomer at 128, in ten unanimous rounds.

Another feather game was won by Willie Espinosa, 125, from Andy Pacayuan, via a third round knockout.

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—In Antonio Almirante's double tenner, rising hope Bardito Adrayan decisioned Romeo Olivetti unanimously. Adrayan was the third GAB junior lightweight, while Olivetti was the ninth man, with both scaling at the 130-pound limit.

In a semi-windup, flyweight contender Flash Jagdon won a split decision from Robinson Abato, after they both entered the ring at 114 pounds.

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—National welterweight champion Gideon Toyogon, 153½, proved too strong and sharp in finishing Ibrahim Muhammed, a foreigner at the same weight, in the sixth session of their scheduled tenner.

The card was promoted by Felimon Fasquez.

▲ **DUMAGUETE CITY**—Junior feather battler San Sacristan, 124½, showed his ring experience by unanimously beating Baby Francisco, 123, in ten speedy heats.

▲ **TAGBILARAN CITY**—The GAB's fifth ranker, Vonder Boy Bulfa, 129, caught Baby Caga, Jr. 132 pounds, at last, stopping him in the ninth round to win the praise of the spectators.

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Having been dethroned by Korea's Chung Soo-Hyun months ago, ex-OPBF junior featherweight titlist Ric Quijano, 124, lost a majority decision to Nilo Acido, number 9 featherweight at 123½, in ten upset rounds. In a companion ten, Little Carupo, 108½, was surprsingly TKO'd by Diego De Villa, 108¼, in the fourth round. Villa entered the GAB national top ten with this victory.

▲ **CAVITE CITY**—Favorite as he was, Mike Benitez, 134, was disappointedly held to a majority draw by Vinnie Guinieta, 133½, in ten hairline rounds.

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Hard-hitting banty Bob Castor, 117, technically kayoed Delfin Gildore, 119 pounds, in the third round. In a companion ten, Nap Cajetas, 126, and Hermie Villanueva, 129, fought to a technical draw in the fourth session. The promoter was Agustin Garcia.

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—GAB feather ranker Johnny Sato, 131, defeated Arman Bangoyan, 130, by a unanimous decision in ten hard-fought rounds.

▲ **CEBU CITY**—It was a good attraction with four tenners promoted by Felixberto Jardenil. Top lightweight contender of the Philippines, Pete Alferez, 134¾, was a unanimous winner over Joe Lim, half a pound lighter, in ten heats.

Rudy Patalinhug, 121, decisively beat San Sacristan, 123, in ten.

Mar Simbajon, 133½, lost a unanimous decision to Al Espinosa, 136, in ten rounds.

GAB fifth 122-pounder, Bernie Solis, a half pound over the limit, whipped Fred Jarabay, 123, in ten unanimous frames.

▲ **CALAUAG, QUEZON**—In a flyweight tenner, Frank Cedeno proved stronger than Brigildo Canada, scoring a TKO in the seventh round. Each weighed in at 112.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By TED YAMACHIKA

HONOLULU — Andy Ganigan, 137, Honolulu, made a successful comeback by easily disposing of one Elpido Valdez, 136, of Mexico in the second round of a scheduled tenner at the Blaisdell Center arena.

It was Ganigan's first fight in six months. His last was against then unknown Johnny Lira of Chicago, who knocked him out in the sixth round. Ganigan also suffered a mild concussion and was hospitalized for several days. The members of the local boxing commission advised him to take a long rest.

Ganigan's latest outing was an easy win for him. He proved to the fans that he could still punch like he used to and move around as of yore. However, Valdez, who wasn't much of a puncher or a boxer, didn't turn out to be a really good test for the local lad. Many questions about Ganigan remain unanswered. Is he a smarter fighter now? Has he become gun shy? Only Ganigan fighting tougher opponents can answer this.

Jose Caba, 125¾, Dominican Republic, knocked out Tereso Olivares, 125, Mexico, in the third round of a scheduled ten; Kid Meza, 123, Mexicali, decisioned Noel Arriesgado, 122¼, Manila, ten; Alfred Logan, 147, Puerto Rico, defeated Vito Meredith, 145, Honolulu, five; Terry Welch, 138¼, Honolulu, TKO'd Salvador Huerta, 138½, Mexico, three.

The card, promoted by the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., drew better than six thousand fans.

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ARIZONA ACTION

By ROBERT CARSON

▲TUCSON — Before a packed house at Tucson's Community Center, local favorite Art Leon battered game Jose Luis Medrano to a ten-round unanimous decision.

Leon, who is ranked seventh in the junior lightweight division, was in complete command from the opening bell, peppering the back-peddling Medrano at will. The San Antonio Texas fighter proved he could take punishment, but didn't throw so much as half a dozen punches in the final three rounds.

In the ten-round semi-final, Tucson's Xavier Gracia scored a technical knockout over Mike Avans, Phoenix. Avans, a battle scarred vet, who has been in the ring with some top notchers, couldn't get his act together and took some stiff head shots from the aggressive Gracia.

In his dressing room, Mike stated that he had gotten out of a sick bed with the flu for the fight and knew it was futile to go on.

Gracia has acquired a large following in the Tucson area, and has a slam bang style that the crowd loves.

In the curtain raiser, James Castillo, 127½, from Tucson beat another hometown boy in Joey Rico, 131.

In the second round, Rico caught a stiff left which cut the inside of his mouth. Another flurry from Castillo brought gore from the nose, and after a minute of the steady flow, Rico spat out his mouth piece. The following two rounds saw more of the same with the bloodied Rico trying to make a fight of it.

Felix Gracia, the younger member of the fighting Gracia brothers, beat Gustavo Vasquez, 153, El Paso. Felix showed vast improvement in handling the hard punching Texan. Gracia came in at 154, and should be ready to advance.

Hector Martinez, Tucson, knocked out Joaquin Alvarado, another El Paso fighter.

Martinez got off the deck in the first round to send Alvarado through the ropes. In the second round, the Tucson boy finally landed some combinations which again put Alvarado threw the ropes—and out. It took a few minutes for the stunned Texas boxer to come around.

Tucson is trying to get boxing back on a big-time basis, and hopes to run top notch shows monthly.

From all indications, they are off to a good start.

IN OLD VIRGINNY

By JACKIE LEVINSON

▲NORFOLK — According to information that this writer has heard, Chris Dundee is going to retire from his promotions in Miami Beach. His wife, Betty, is from Norfolk, and desires to spend her remaining years in her birthplace. If the above information carries any truth to it, you can bet Norfolk will become a "big fight" city. Chris will probably run semi-monthly cards, and many of them will have some very highly rated talent. According to my informant, we local fans can expect "The Master" to put Norfolk on a busy schedule.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

By JOEL LIPSITT

▲HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN. — A shocked crowd of about 1150 saw their local idol, Memphian featherweight, Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 127, run into an unexpected hurdle in his quest to get back into the top ratings since his one-round KO loss to O'Grady back in March, 1978. The hurdle he could not clear came in a young hard hitting Texan, eleventh ranked Robert Perez, 129, Houston, who blitzed Freeman via a clean knockout at 2:09 of the seventh in the scheduled tenth round feature.

For the first five rounds, it was all Freeman, as he took the fight right to Perez with lightning quick combinations to the head and body which had his opponent bewildered and shaken. Then, in the sixth, it happened. While in a close exchange, Freeman dropped his left and in a second Perez dropped over a booming right hand catching Freeman's exposed chin. Down went Freeman like a sack of potatoes. He wobbled up at the count of nine on rubbery wheels and managed to survive the round.

In the fatal seventh, Perez, sensing a quick kill, stalked Freeman and tapped him in a neutral corner, where another vicious right to the button exited Freeman for the evening.

Freeman, who was going after his seventh win in a row since the O'Grady loss, saw his record slip to 25-3. All three losses coming via the KO route, the first being a KO loss in 5 to San Antonio's eleventh ranked jr. lightweight, Roy Hernandez, also in Memphis, back in Nov., 1976. In that brawl, Freeman suffered a severely fractured jaw. It now appears that Freeman's "china chin" will never allow him to reach his goal of winning a title, even with the aid of his new trainer, Andrew "Fat Man" Garner. As for Perez, he upped his record to 20-4-2, as the pre-fight program card had advertised. However, this cannot be verified with existing ring records.

In a disappointing ten-round co-feature, Irish Tony McMinn, 168, Qupaw, Okla., scored an easy TKO victory over ill-conditioned Robert Vance, 169, St. Louis, at 1:45 of the third. McMinn, returning to Memphis since his crushing four-round kayo defeat to eleventh ranked light heavy Jerry Celestine back in April 1, 1977, and coming off a disastrous KO loss to Indianapolis' Johnny Heard, found no opposition in Vance and ended matters with a left hook to the belly.

In an excellent six-round welterweight scrap, Basil Buchann, 148, Jamaica, displayed some fine boxing talents in winning a well deserved unanimous decision over gamester Robert Perry, 147, Houston. Perry also showed a lot of good boxing moves, but Buchann was working an entire three minutes of every round, never allowing Perry to gain the upper hand.

In another good battle, roughouse youngster Dan Kaiser, 186, former U.S. Navy champ, Millington, Tenn., who is never in a dull fight, copped a four-round split decision over pesky Robert Thomas, 171, Memphis. From the opening bell, Kaiser never took a backward step, and, although on the receiving end of Thomas' looping right hands, scored enough to win.

In the usual four-round curtain raiser, who else but dependable Memphian lightweight Simmi Black, 139, should appear? Black captured a hard fought four-round split nod over tough Rocky McCollumn, 143, Greenville, Miss.

CENTRAL FLORIDA RING REPORT

By MICKEY DAVIES

▲ORLANDO — Action was the theme when Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 155¼, Orlando, and Clarence Gilmore, 155, Memphis, met in the Stadium ring before a large gathering.

Both biffers had to reach into their reserve tanks of petro going down the stretch to enable them to finish on their feet. It was a gruelling affair from start to finish, with Ross enjoying enough edge to cop a unanimous decision. Needless to say, both Ross and Gilmore were in tip-top shape for the scrap, one of the best seen here in years.

In other bouts, James Salerno, 170, Orlando, ran his string to seventeen straight bouts without a loss as he outboxed Willie Goodman, 173, Apopka, six; Johnny Symonetti, 170, Miami, displayed much class and power as he gunned down Rocky Stephens, 174, Jacksonville in the opening frame; Mike Parsons, 145, Trinidad, had too much fire power for Randy Davis, 146, a transplanted West Virginian. The fight was halted in round three in favor of Parsons; Dave Bowen, 220, Polk City, stopped newcomer Ron Pressley, 192, Lakeland, in round three of a slated four spot.

▲ORLANDO — Cowboy Jimmy Heair added bout number ninety to his record when he returned to the Orlando Sports Stadium to take the measure of Robert Spencer in round three of a slated tenner. It wasn't a cake walk for Heair, however, as the local welter came out smoking in the first frame, and nearly dropped Jimmy with a right hand to the head.

In the third, Jimmy found Spencer with a left hook to the body, dropping him for an eight count. When the local biffer got his feet, the vet from Mephis fired away a salvage of shots that spelled the end for Robert. Heair, 147; Spencer, 142½.

The companion attraction saw Milton Owens entering the light heavy ranks for the first time, edging Miami's Tony Greene in ten. Greene simply could not get past the southpaw slants of Owens, who now owns a 24-1 record. Owens, 112; Greene, 173.

Other bouts: Frankie Moultrie, 134, outshot Bobby Grant, 136 six; Ralph Barrios, 123, defeated Tony Styles, 125½; Eddie Gonzalez, 178, the son of former welterweight contender Manny Gonzalez, exploded with a right cross in the opening round against Sterlyn Benjamin, 194½, dropping him flat on his face.

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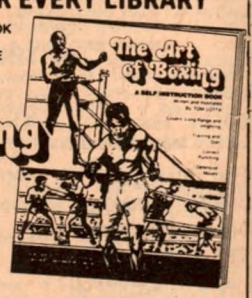

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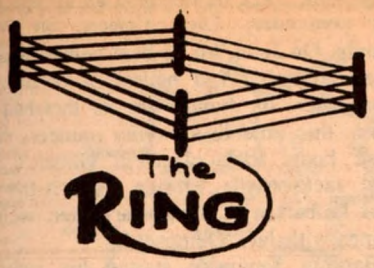

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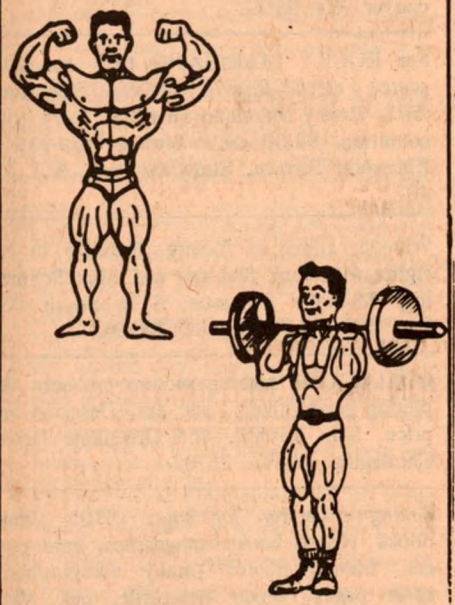

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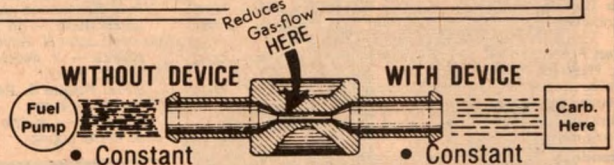

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BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By SIMON BRONENBERG

▲**Cordoba** — In the jr. light class, Orlando Lucero beat Alberto Castillo by a TKO in nine.

▲**Concordia** — In the welter division, Oscar Vallejo TKO'd Miguel A. Villagra in three.

▲**Santa Rosa** — Bantams: Americo Suarez kayoed Enrique Navarro in six.

▲**Gualeguaychu** — Alfredo Moyano kayoed Mario Arreguez in six. They are lights.

▲**Mendoza** — Argentine fly champion Ramon Soria outpointed Santos Laciar in ten rounds. Non-title bout. Laciar had been undefeated.

▲**Tucuman** — In the fly class, Jose L. Zarate defeated Jose Ibiris by a foul in the second round.

▲**San Juan** — In the light class, Bautista Matamoro kayoed Pablo Mendez in the fourth.

▲**Pte. R. Saenz Pena** — In the welter division, Emilio Pereyra beat Federico O. Godoy in ten rounds.

▲**Charata** — In the jr. light class, Omar Almada decisioned Roberto Barrientos in ten rounds.

▲**General Belgrano** — In the jr. welter division, Luis Garay beat Roberto Maciel in ten rounds.

▲**Salta** — Good prospect in the feather class Hipolito Nunez outpointed Emilcio Ortiz in ten.

▲**General Pinedo** — Argentine light heavy champion Celestino Bailone kayoed Hector Altamirano in the seventh round. Non-title bout.

▲**Posadas** — In the welter class, Carlos Maria Gimenez beat Oscar O. Godoy by a TKO in the second round.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Oscar "Cachin" Mendez won the vacant Argentine lightweight title, beating Nicolas Arkuszyn in twelve rounds.

▲**Caleta Olivia** — In the welter class, Raul Paz beat Hector Quinteros in ten.

▲**Rosario** — In the middle class, Camilo Gaitan and Antonio Lopez drew, ten.

▲**Formosa** — Argentine feather champion Juan Domingo Malvarez beat Ramon Duarte by a TKO in eight. Non-title bout.

▲**Junin** — In the welter class, Mario Guilloti beat Hector Caceres in ten rounds.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — In the heavy class, Endoro Robledo decisioned Pedro Sabadini in ten.

▲**Los Toldos** — In the lightweight division, Rodolfo Petrizani beat Americo Abalos in ten.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — In the light heavy class, Juanito Sanchez and Natalio Ibarra drew, ten rounds.

▲**Azul** — In the light heavy division, Carlos Pouyannes beat Enrique Cardozo by a TKO in the fourth round.

▲**La Plata** — Argentine jr. welter champion Hugo Luero TKO'd Carlos C. Canete in ten rounds. Non-title bout.

▲**Dolores** — In the middle division, Cesar Duarte beat Juan Carlos Bogado in ten.

▲**La Carlota** — Bantams: Carlos Reyes Sosa beat Hugo Saldunbehere by a TKO in nine and won the local bantam title.

▲**San Francisco** — Carlos Casor whipped Santiago Lopez in ten. They are lights.

▲**Salta** — Welters: Alfredo Lucero decisioned Juan Carlos Morales in ten rounds.

▲**San Nicolas** — Feathers: Oscar Gratarola and Ruben O. Mendoza drew in ten.

▲**Mendoza** — In the jr. welter class, Roberto Alfaro beat Ramon Araujo by a TKO in five.

▲**Tucuman** — Argentine jr. fly champion Rodolfo Rodriguez beat Ramon Rodriguez by a TKO in eight rounds. Non-title bout.

▲**General Roca** — Feathers: Jorge Gomez and Walter Correa drew in eight rounds.

▲**Trelew** — In the middle class, Martin Duran beat Miguel Chequer in ten rounds.

▲**Hernando** — Lights: Miguel Figueroa drew with Jose I. Funes, twelve, and retained the Figueroa title.

▲**Cordoba** — Argentine and South American bantam champion Julio C. Saba and Rolando Lahoz drew in twelve rounds. Saba retained the Argentine title.

▲**Mar del Plata** — Jr. Welters: Ubaldo Sacco beat Ramon Allende in ten rounds.

▲**Ayacucho** — In the bantam class, Jose Uziga beat Ricardo Gomez in the seventh round by a medical decision.

▲**Tandil** — In the light class, Hugo Slawisky beat Alfredo Peralta by a TKO in eight rounds.

▲**Baradero** — In the feather class, hard punching Ramon "Moncho" Dominguez beat Emilio Haedo by a TKO in the seventh round.

▲**San Justo** — In the jr. middle division, Juan M. del Valle Herrera beat Pedro Bazan by a TKO in five.

▲**Babia Blanca** — Welters: Miguel A. Garcia beat Epifanio Pavon in ten rounds.

▲**Villa Carlos Paz** — In the fly division, Santos Laciar beat Raul "Nico" Perez in ten rounds.

▲**Tres Arroyos** — Lights: Juan Zuniga outpointed Jose Maria "Pipi" Lopez in ten.

▲**Galvez** — In the light heavy class, Carlos Fernandez kayoed Carlos Vallejos in the fifth round.

▲**Venado Tuerto** — Argentine and South American jr. light champion Victor Echegaray beat Jose "Quique" Valdez by a TKO in the seventh. Retained the Argentine title.

▲**Rosario** — In the middle class, Ramon E. Perez whipped Manuel F. Gonzalez in ten rounds.

▲**San Pedro** — Lights: Adolfo Felice beat Nestor Gundin in ten rounds.

▲**Azul** — In the welter class, Daniel Gonzalez outpointed Jose Oroda in ten.

▲**Cordoba** — Jr. lights: Daniel Murua beat Ruben Reano in twelve rounds. Retained local title.

▲**Curuzu-Cuatia** — Argentine and South American junior bantam champion Sergio Palma beat Gilbert Lopez, Uruguay champion, in ten. Non title.

▲**Tucuman** — In the jr. light class, Martin Leiva and Roque Arevalo drew in ten.

▲**Mendoza** — Argentine and South American jr. middle champion Manuel Gonzalez beat Crispin de Oliveira, Brasilian champion, by a TKO in nine. Nontitle bout.

▲**Santiago del Estero** — Middles: Camilo Sosa beat Hugo Trujillo in ten rounds.

▲**Arrecifes** — In the bantam class, Luis Gerez kayoed Argemiro Gonzalez in the seventh round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring, undefeated flyweight Gustavo Ballas whipped Angel Lois Gonzalez in ten, and, in the light heavy class, undefeated Juan Domingo Suarez kayoed Ramon Cerrezuela, ex-Argentine champion, in the second round. Good receipts: three million 300 pesos.

▲**Las Rosas** — In the fly class undefeated Domingo Aragon beat Ramon Baez in ten.

▲**Posadas** — In the jr. middle division, Carlos Nacimiento beat Esteban Osuna in ten rounds.

▲**Neuquen** — Welters: Jorge Garcia and Tito Yanni drew in ten rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Carlos Maria Gimenez beat Hector Caceres in ten rounds.

▲**Malpu** — Welters: Jorge J. Paez beat Ruben Aguilar in ten rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — Raul Bianco beat Orlando Lucero in twelve. Won local feather title.

▲**Venado Tuerto** — Jorge Morello beat Floro Zarza in ten. They are welters.

▲**Zarate** — In the jr. welter class, Ramon Manuel Bustos beat Cirilo Ruiz in ten.

▲**Chajari** — Middles Jr.: Oscar Ayala outpointed Juan C. Bogado in ten rounds.

▲**Tucuman** — Argentine feather champion Juan Domingo Malvarez whipped Santia go Lopez in ten rounds. Non title bout.

▲**Mendoza** — Bantams: Jos Narvaez outpointed Juan C. Rios in ten rounds.

▲**Concordia** — In the jr. middle division, Oscar Vallejos beat Rodolfo P. Rojas by A TKO in eight rounds.

▲**Tigre** — Welters: Segundo Aguirre kayoed Juan D. Monzon in six rounds.

▲**Cruz del Eje** — Lights: Oscar Frias decisioned Carlos Gomez in ten.

▲**San Pedro** — In the light class, Lorenzo Garcia beat Pedro A. Gutierrez in ten.

▲**Las Varillas** — In the light class, Jose I. Funes beat Oscar Albarracin in ten rounds.

▲**Mar del Plata** — Argentine light heavy champion Miguel Angel Paez decisioned Juan Carlos Sosa in twelve rounds. Retained crown.

▲**General Belgrano** — In the welter division, Rodolfo Maciel beat Valerio Benitez in six rounds.

▲**Villa Maria** — Argentine jr. fly champion Rodolfo Rodriguez decisioned Carlos Escalante in ten rounds. Non-title bout.

▲**Posadas** — Super bantam Francisco Acosta beat Gilberto Lopez in ten.

▲**Cordoba** — In the bantam division Jose Casas and Diego Vega Ramirez, Paraguay champion, drew in ten rounds.

▲**S.C. de Bariloche** — In the jr. welter division, Hector "Yeye" Hernandez and Tito del Barco drew in ten rounds.

▲**San Juan** — In the feather division, Hipolito Nunez decisioned Juan R. Reyes in ten rounds.

▲**Salta** — Jr. middles: Alfredo Lucero beat Ramon E. Perez by a TKO in six.

▲**Pte. Roque S. Pena** — Jr. middles: Natalio Pereyra beat Omar Zarza in ten.

▲**Catrilo** — In the feather class, Alberto Rios decisioned Jose Maria Lopez.

CAPITAL ACTION

By ED SCULLEN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nat Williams' first promotional venture at the D.C. Coliseum attracted a slim crowd of about five hundred on a bitter cold Monday evening to see a scheduled forty-two rounds of boxing.

The reason for the shift of venue from the more convenient Starplex facility was financial—the total "nut" at the Starplex had assumed gigantic proportions because of opening costs, insurance, security and the like, not to mention the fighter's purses. The Coliseum show was an honest effort to once again begin boxing here at the grass-roots level. Williams, if he can provide adequate parking, could have a nice operation, allowing him to jump to the Starplex or other venues for bigger shows.

The first Coliseum card was composed of three six-rounders followed by three feature eights; the six locals on the card were knockout happy and as a result only thirteen rounds were actually contested, sending the crowd home comfortably before 10 p.m. One disturbing note, however . . . a couple of the visitors showed no desire to mix things up in the manner of professional pugilists and were summarily counted out. This was much to the dismay of the winners who honestly pitched leather from bell to bell.

In the final feature of the evening, popular Biff Cline, 178, District Heights easily disposed of gun-shy Al Ware, 165, New York. After pursuing the tricky Ware with little result in the first round, Cline clubbed the visitor to the floor with two rights early in the round and he repeated the process twice more with uppercuts, prompting referee Joe Bunsa to halt action at 2:36.

In the other features: 21-year-old welter Dale Staley raised his record to 14-1 as he knocked out Marvin Ladson (10-7) at 1:14 of round two with a vicious left hook. O'Dell Leonard, 158, Palmer Park show-boated through two rounds before stopping outclassed Don Norwood, 158½, Winston Salem at 0:20 of round three.

In an opening six, Davie Johnson, 255, Seat Pleasant overcame the clinching tactics of Al Byrd, 203, Greensboro, to knock his opponent through the ropes with a volley of seven rights to the head in the second round. Byrd apparently was physically able to beat the count, but decided he was through for the evening; the stoppage came at 2:59. Improving Derrik Holmes, 124½, New Carrollton, was occasionally tagged by Roudell Stevenson, 127, Charlotte, but the local feather had too much firepower, scoring a right hand knock down in the second and then mounting a two fisted head and body attack in the third round causing the referee to intervene at 2:08. And in a very brief encounter, Jarven Pratt, 174½, District stretched Bobby Watkins, 176½, Fairmount, West Va. with a solid right hand at 1:35 of round one.

MINNESOTA AREA NEWS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

▲ST. PAUL — The small club show returned here at the Palace Theatre before a small turnout. The show had very little pre-fight publicity and many mistakes were made, hopefully it will get better. In the main event heavyweight Fred Askew of Minneapolis took an easy eight round decision from overmatched John Cline of Kalamazoo, Mich. How this match got approval from the commission is a mystery. Askew's record is now 15-15-1, and Cline an unbelieveable 0-2-0. Things need looking into in Minnesota, as the preliminary matches weren't better.

Marc Hans, Minneapolis (9-9-0) floored Dan DeLiberto of Omaha (0-1-0) four times before the match was mercifully stopped in the third round of a heavyweight mismatch.

Bruce Strauss of Omaha (2-0-0) outpointed Ozzie Quast of St. Paul (2-3-0) over four boring rounds. They are middleweights.

In an exhibition match, and why this was staged in St. Paul is a good question, Ron Stander of Council Bluffs and Lupe Guerra of Omaha went through the motions for four rounds.

▲WAUKESHA, WISC. — Two veteran heavyweights clashed here for the Wisconsin state title, and at the end the issue had still not been settled. Milwaukee's Eddie Brooks, the titleholder, and Leroy Caldwell, moved through twelve rounds of slow action, and the fight was declared a draw. Brooks, a pro since 1966, now has a record of 17-3-1, and Caldwell, active since 1969, is 20-18-1. A good turnout of 1,500 attended.

Jimmy Blevins of Chicago, a very good jr. welter prospect turned in a fine eight round decision over Tom Tarantino of Milwaukee (16-17-2) in a fast paced match.

Tom Crowley of Tipton, Iowa (4-1-0) outpointed Kevin Porter of Milwaukee (3-2-0) over four rounds in a lightweight bout.

Carl Crowley of Tipton, Iowa (Tom's twin brother) (6-0-0), knocked out Lonnie Kirkwood of Milwaukee in the third round. They are jr. welters.

▲St. Paul attorney John Connelly is the new St. Paul boxing promoter. Conert promoter John Zobel is the matchmaker, with shows being put on in the new Palace nightclub in downtown St. Paul.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

▲SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — Franco Thomas, 205, Anchorage, Alaska, scored a unanimous ten-round decision over Elliot Bryant, 203, San Diego. Franco, despite a third-round eye cut and spotting a four-inch reach and twenty-five pounds, scored with enough right hands to win his twelfth victory in fourteen bouts.

The Inaugural World Promotions, Inc., boxing card drew 908 fans, grossing $5,325.

Pinklon Thomas, 194, West Seattle, knocked out Roger Braxton, 198, San Diego, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight-rounder. Thomas, no relation to Franco, looked very impressive in gaining his third professional win in as many starts.

▲**EVERETT, WASHINGTON** — Dale "Ibar" Arrington, free swinging Everett heavyweight, who met the likes of Larry Holmes and other top heavies during a thirty bout professional career, has retired from the ring. Arrington, who fought several main events in the Pacific Northwest, always gave the fans a lot of action.

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